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2016/1590/P	Rachel Peacock	2 Heath Hurst Road	07/05/2016 20:23:54	OBJ	<p>There are over 50 schools in the NW3 area already. The proposed school is not in the Belsize area to which it supposed to serve. Downshire Hill and Rosslyn Hill are already at maximum capacity traffic wise and even a small amount of additional traffic will endanger the existing school children crossing these roads. The sustainable commuting promoted by Abacus is nonsense as it can't be enforced. If planning permission is granted all realistic future traffic control will be lost. Families will rent near to the school to gain places, then as families expand, move out to more affordable areas, then resort to driving children to school. It isn't fair to the residents of Hampstead to have to accommodate a further school for the residents of Belsize Park. Wouldn't the Fire Station have been a viable site?. I don't disagree that Belsize Park needs a state school, but if the application is approved Belsize Park still won't have a state school, but there will just be yet another school in Hampstead! The air quality in the Hampstead area is already poor, how can it be viable to invite yet more traffic? The modern aesthetics of the low quality, huge side extension of the proposed building along Downshire Hill will destroy the character of this street and impact also the character of Rosslyn Hill. School buildings are by nature cost effective in construction materials and I would ask what effort the proposed extension makes to blend in or contribute to the aesthetics of the area. Downshire Hill must be one of the most beautiful streets in London, if you can't safeguard this then what is worth preserving? Abacus are obviously using the tactic of asking for a site of 420 pupils in order to gain approval for a scaled down number, but even a school of 200 hundred pupils would be a disaster for the area.</p>
