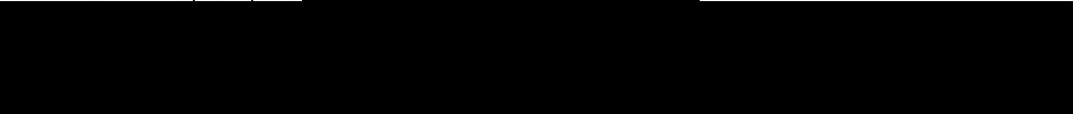




From: Demakakos, Panayotes



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From: Farhana Begum



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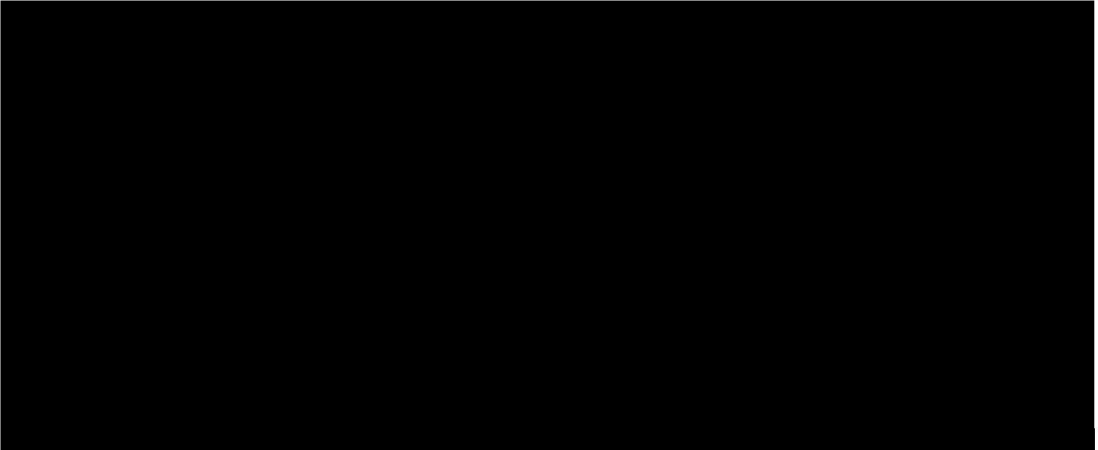
The area is in urgent need for a secular school, creating more jobs in the local community and allowing for extra community use when the school is not open. It will sustain the growing community by providing vital school places and it's recognition as an ofstead outstanding school proves that the school is dedicated in developing the community for the better. It will bring back an old building back into active community use.

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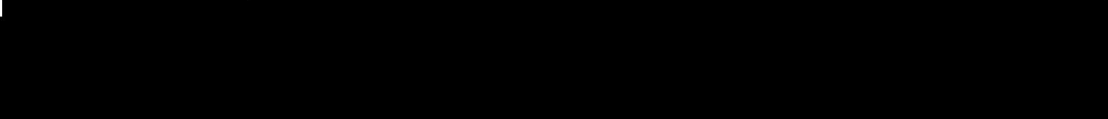


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From: Emily Jackson



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I think it is vital to allow this outstanding state secular primary school to continue its important work within the community.

It is appropriate to use the proposed building for this use so it may continue to be utilised by the community.

My family does not own a car, nor do we ever intend to, so we are committed to the school's ethos of walking to school.

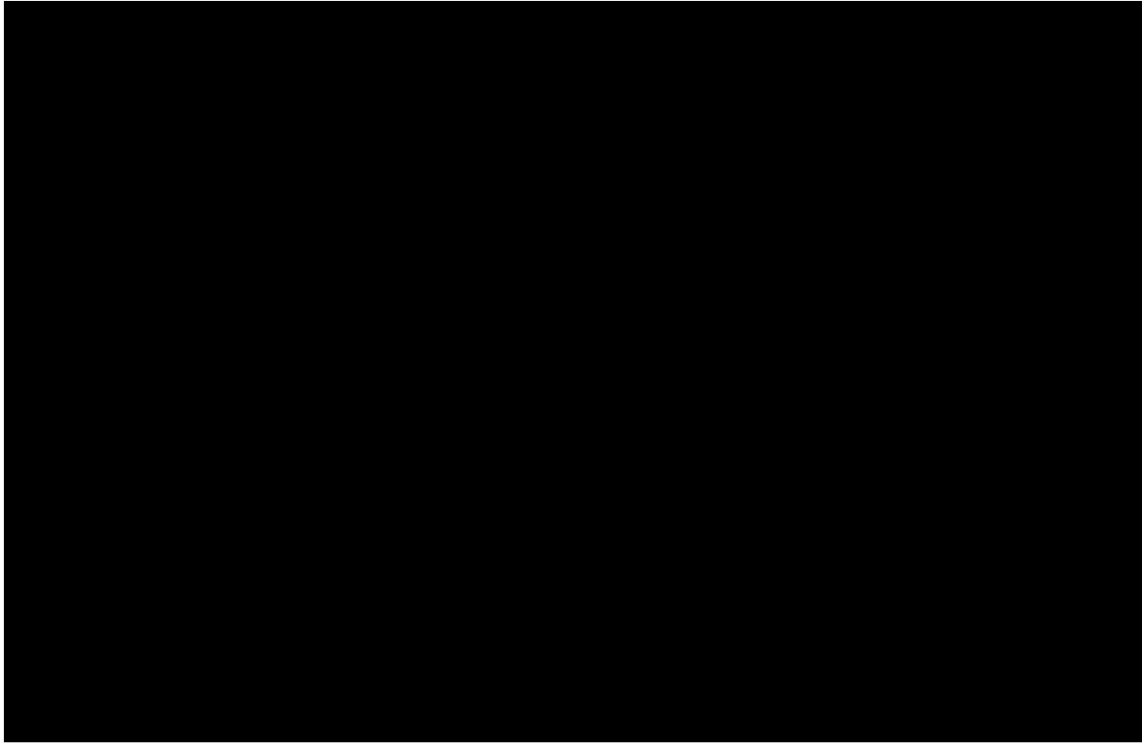
Regards, Emily Jackson



From: Jessica Lienthal

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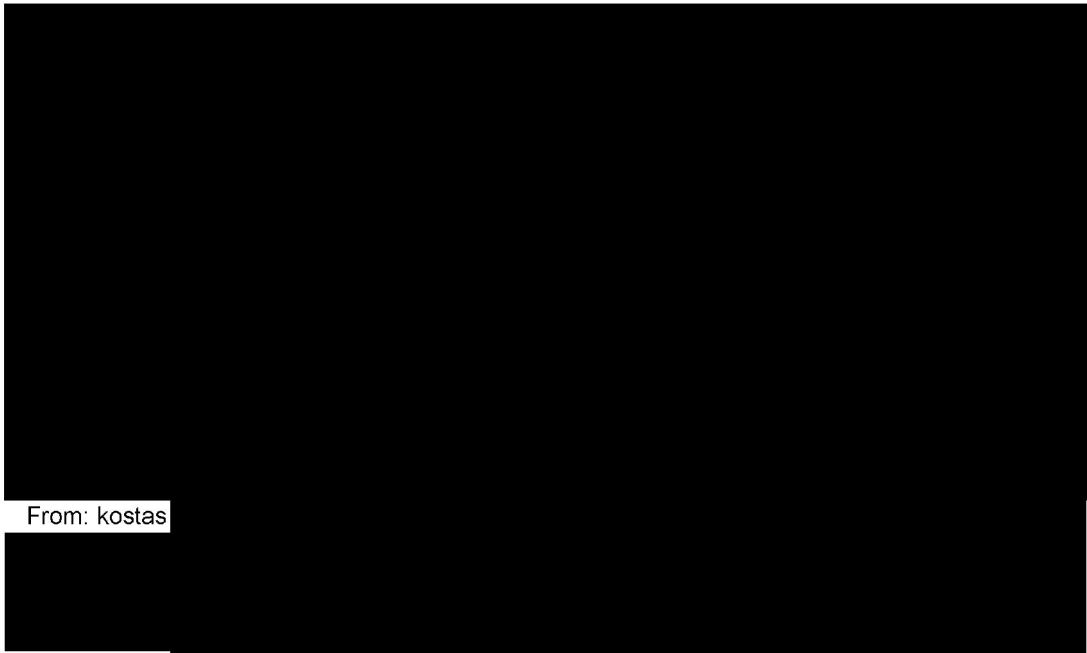
Yours sincerely
Carlos Bonell



From: Costas Xitas

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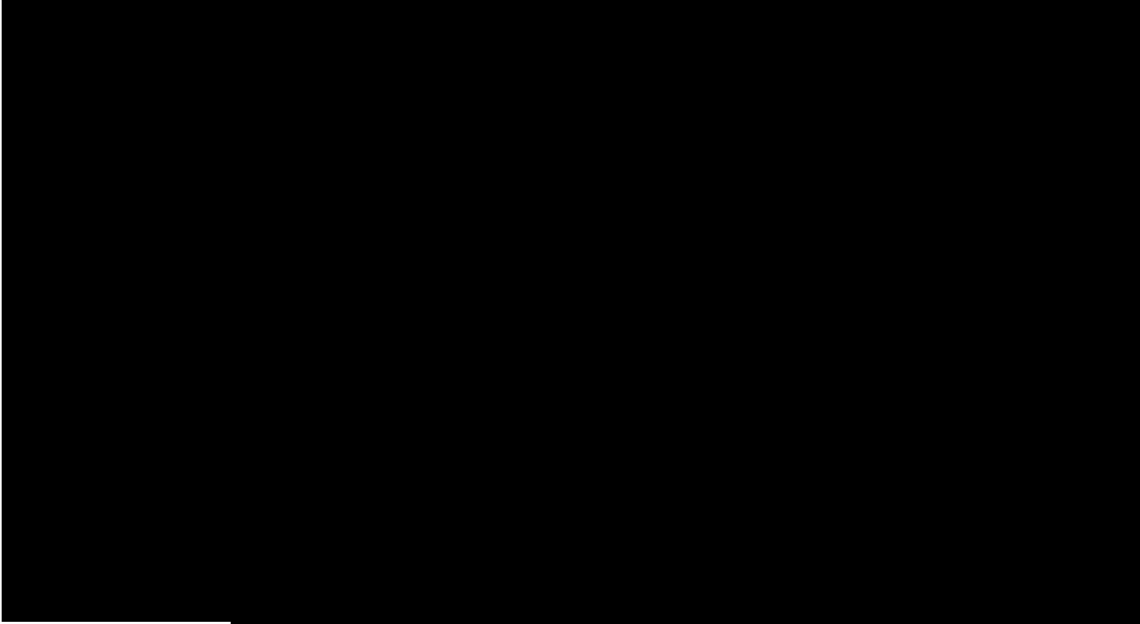
Dear Zenab,

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I have a daughter in reception at Abacus and the only school we were offered before Abacus was near Euston station. I have 2 younger daughters who will need school places too but even before they start, I would have been forced to tackle peak hour on the tube with a double buggy if we hadn't been offered a place at Abacus. It is incorrect that there are already plenty of school places available for the catchment area - there is definitely a great need for Abacus and the old police station is within easy walking/scooting distance for us.

Please help our children and the area by allowing this Ofsted Outstanding school to proceed with the development application.

Thanks,
Sally Young
43 Glenmore Road NW3 4DA



From: Paulo Remiao

I am emailing to register my support for application number 2016/1590/P for the redevelopment of the former Hampstead Police Station for a two-form entry primary school.

As a parent of two local children I support the application of the school. I am applying for a reception place now and despite living 5 minutes walking from a local secular primary we were NOT offered a place. There is not enough provision of non fee paying secular primary schools in the area.



From: Baillie, Siobhan (Councillor)
Sent: 14 May 2016 09:25
To: Haji-Ismail, Zenab
Subject: Applications 2016/1690/P and 2016/2042/L - Hampstead police station

Dear Zenab

**Re: Planning Applications 2016/1690/P and 2016/2042/L
Conversion of Hampstead police station & accommodation into a Free School**

While this is outside of our ward, a number of our residents have contacted us about the issue. You will note that Cllr Spinella has also endorsed the objection points I have detailed below.

There is no question about my support of free schools where there is a desire or need for such provision and I believe many in the area feel the same. However, there is widespread concern about the impact of the present application plans in respect of design, increased numbers of children in an already densely populated area, traffic congestion and pollution.

Schools

It was understood locally that Abacus Primary school would be a small school for Belsize children. Residents are now faced with plans for double the amount of extra children in the Hampstead area (420). This is not a small school.

There are c50 schools in the Hampstead area. The proposed Abacus school would be one of the largest. The heritage statement also provides for further expansion of the school numbers.

Residents have mentioned the concerns about the 'catchment area' issues with Abacus Primary School. The catchment area defined on the school's website is vastly different to the 'catchment and accessibility plan' submitted.

This in turn raises queries regarding the true need for more school places in Hampstead and why the planned pupil numbers have increased when the original need was in Belsize. Camden has been very clear that there is no need to expand other schools and they have enough school places for children in the borough.

Design

The Police Station is a listed building within a conservation area. It is not accepted that there is sufficient justification for demolition of the rear extension and the scale of the new extension. Residents have raised a number of concerns about the size of the proposed building generally considering the need to be sensitive to the listed parts.

The size, height, colour and choice of materials, increase to floor space and plans for playground space are considered unsightly in a conservation area. The plans do not enhance the conservation area.

The police station is a valued building for the community. It was expected that the school would seek to keep with its existing character.

Consider: Camden Council Core Strategy policy CS14 (Promoting high quality places and conserving our heritage).

DP25 (Conserving Camden's heritage).

DP25 (preserving and enhancing appearance of the area – including replacement buildings).

Traffic

I am informed that the school stated at the consultation that 95% of its pupils travel by bus, and that they promise a "car free school". The children are currently car free to the temporary buildings as Camden currently provides bus services. When the school relocates the pupil numbers are to increase and save for St Luke's free school in our ward, as councillors, we have limited experience of schools enforcing their traffic plans and/or remaining car free. Camden cannot and will not enforce a traffic plan in the future.

At the time of writing, I have not seen the proposed and final traffic /travel plan. A wider catchment area is much more likely to lead to children arriving to school in a car.

A large bulk of our casework is about traffic congestion and pollution concerns in Hampstead. Residents have been relying on the following in the hope the matter will not be made worse.

Planning policy DP16.15: "in areas with an existing problem with the school run, it is unlikely that the Council will grant planning permission for educational facilities that are likely to exacerbate the problem".

Camden's Draft local plan 4.32: "The scale and intensity of use of some community facilities, such as schools, colleges and higher education facilities can lead to adverse impacts on residential amenity. This is principally related to the movement of large numbers of people at certain times of day, impacts such as noise and air pollution and the pressure on the transport system. The Council will ensure schemes satisfactorily address the impacts of changes to the balance and mix of uses in the area, including the cumulative impact of schemes with planning permission or awaiting determination. Hampstead and Belsize Park have a very high concentration of schools where significant issues exist concerning the 'school run'. We will refuse applications for new schools or the expansion of existing schools in these areas, unless it can be demonstrated the number of traffic movements will not increase."

Noise Issues

420 pupils are not quiet.

Residents have queried the existing noise report and the school's ability to manage noise when the children are outside of the school. Further expert information is required.

Air Pollution

The existing traffic congestion is hugely problematic for school children. The position of the police station is on a busy road and close to a busy junction. As idling motor vehicles in congested traffic produce more pollution than moving vehicles, the proposals will increase nitrogen oxide air pollution.

Residents require proper information about the catchment area, traffic plan and an outline construction plan before further expert information can be of use regarding potential increase to pollution levels and compliance with commitments to reduce pollution levels.

Due to the concerns of our ward residents and my experiences in the area, including as a resident myself, I do not support the application plans for a school at the police station for 420 additional children to the area.

The above is an overview of issues that have been raised to us to date. If you would like me to elaborate further and cross reference to all the various guidelines, please let me know.

Kind regards

CLlr Siobhan Baillie

CLlr Gio Spinella