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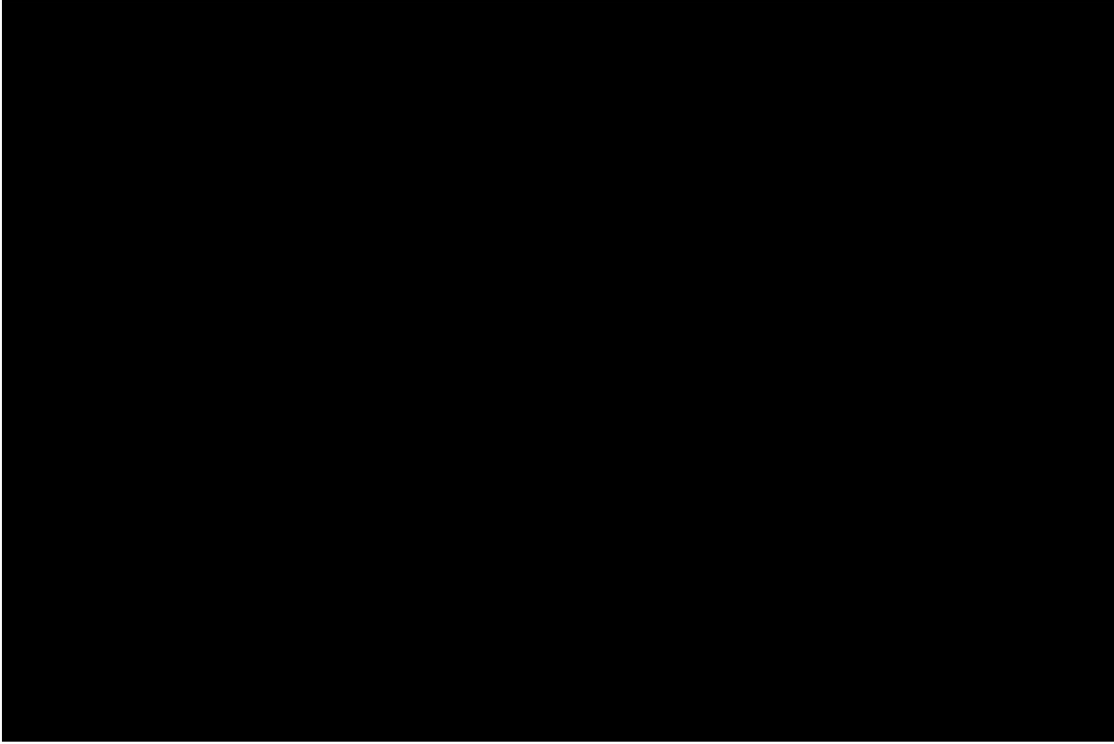
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Sheena Bates





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Dear Zenab

I write with regard to the plans to redevelop the former Hampstead Police Station, Rosslyn Hill, for a new home for Abacus Belsize Primary School which will soon be considered by Camden Council's Development Control Committee.

My husband Cameron and I are both long term Camden residents. We have two children, [REDACTED] currently attends reception class at Abacus. Not being eligible for church places and living too far from schools such as St Pauls, the Rosary and Fitzjohns, the only 'state' or free school open to us was Abacus. Our only other options would have been for [REDACTED] to attend a state school in Euston (which she was originally offered), a private school (which we couldn't easily afford) or move completely out of the area that we love living in.

We are incredibly happy with Abacus. The quality of teaching is excellent and [REDACTED] has settled in well, making lots of friends. The school community is made up of families who come from a variety of international backgrounds and professions. In sum, it is a vibrant, academic and progressive school. We love it.

The only downside is the question about its future location. As you are no doubt aware, the school is currently being housed down in Kings Cross in the old Frank Barnes School for Deaf Children. The children are bused down every day from two locations: Haverstock Hill and Swiss Cottage. The school has ensured that this process is well run and the children have adapted to it well but we are looking

travel patterns of Abacus children this is mostly definitely the case. I see no evidence basis for your assertion that the location of the school will distort the school run figures. The vast majority of children walk, scoot or cycle to either the bus stop or school itself and this will continue to be the case as they are local children. Furthermore, there will be extremely limited parking in the area so it will be very difficult for parents to drive their children. This is in strict contrast to local private schools where children are driven from all over North London to attend. Rather than focus concerns and pinning blame for traffic pollution on Abacus, I would rather see local residents coming up with some positive suggestions for reducing pollution and traffic in the local area. I am sure I can speak for the school community in saying that they would be willing to be a part of future discussions about how we reduce pollution in NW3.

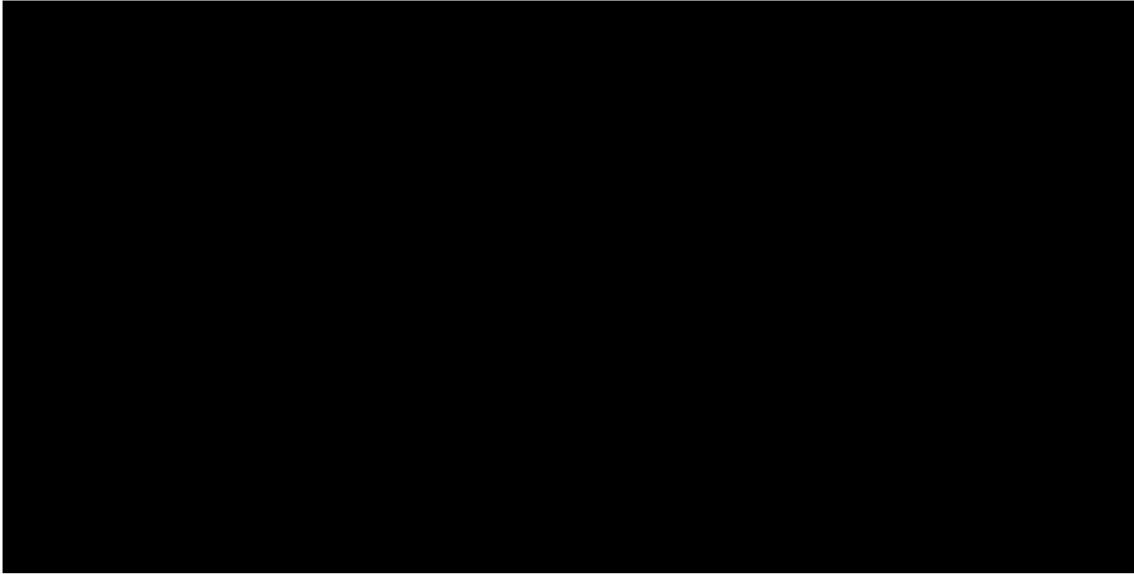
What appears to be missing in this debate is a focus on the needs of local Belsize Park children, and indeed the needs of Abacus children. What will happen to the Abacus children if the school does not have a permanent site? What will happen to local children if they do not have a school to go to? Children on the whole have very little political voice and cannot speak out for themselves so it is disappointing that their voices and needs are not being expressed adequately in this debate.

Finally, I query whether the children of Abacus have become unfortunate pawns at the centre of a political debate. That is, opposition to Conservative Free school policy is being played out in this instance. However at the end of the day, our children need their school so they can be afforded a good quality education. I implore you to take positive action to represent the needs of Abacus children in this application.

Yours sincerely

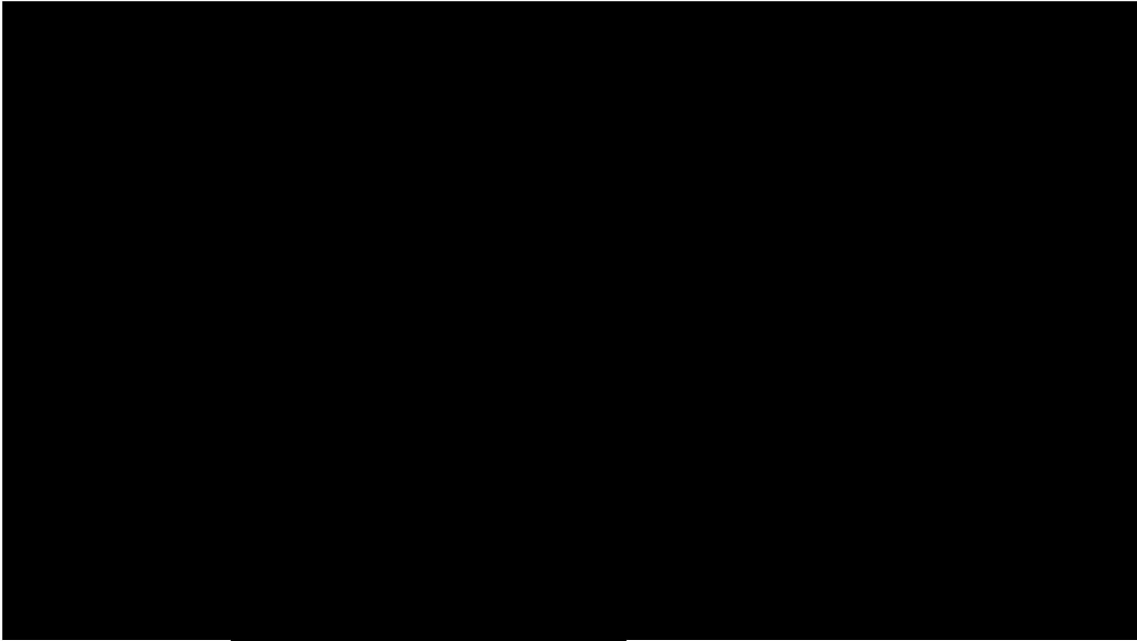
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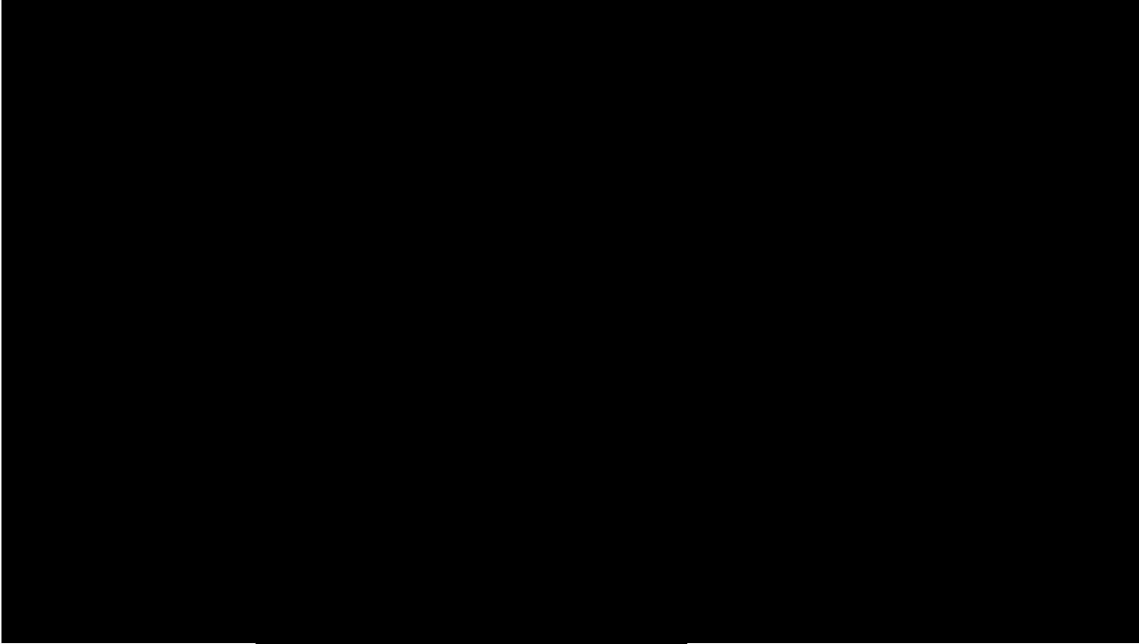
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From: Rachel Hagen

Subject: We need more good schools!!!


Please consider this email, as we need more good state schools for our children!



From: Michelle Searle



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For attention of Zenab Haji-Ismail, Case Officer

I write to object to the establishment of a new 420 pupil school on the site of the old Police Station on Downshire Hill. I live on Downshire Hill (Number 38a) and am sure that the transport, road safety and congestion effects of the proposed development are completely unacceptable in what is already a very busy and bottle-necked area of Hampstead.

Moreover, I would comment as follows:

- Hampstead is already home to 37 schools which equates to more than 10,000 pupils and the area does not need another school which does not serve the local community;
- At 420 students, the proposed school will be the biggest in the area;
- The school's Belsize Park catchment area means that car transport will be required by parents to deliver their children to the school;
- The proposed design unacceptably doubles the existing building footplate; its proposed design is out of keeping with the Road and the anticipated roof-top play area is likely to be an eyesore and intrusive;
- The proposal will cause undoubted traffic chaos, parking turmoil, safety hazards and increased pollution.

The current proposal does not deal in any meaningful way with these points and I would urge you to recommend that the scheme be rejected.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

Paddy Walker

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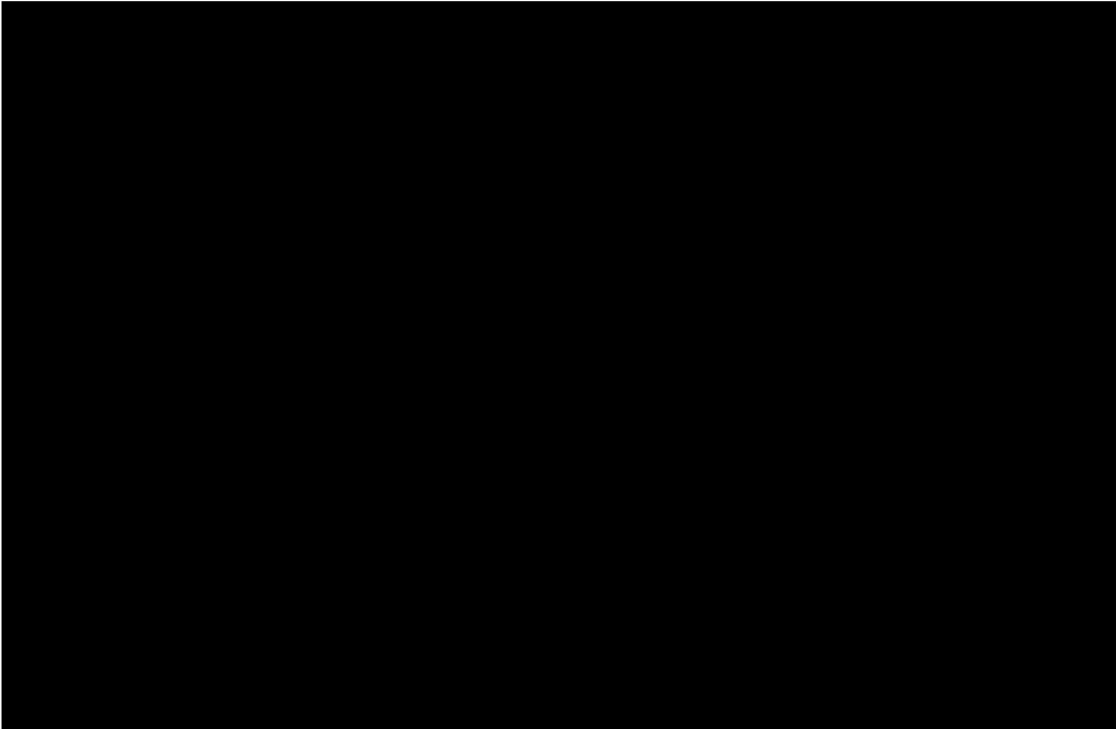
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Abacus Belsize Primary School is a fantastic primary school, successfully working to help each child meet their potential. There is a GREAT need in this community for a non-fee paying and non-religious school.

Asma.

Dear Zenab Haji-Ismail, Case Officer

I am writing to you today to register my opposition to the plan for a new school on the Police Station site on Downshire Hill.

I live on Downshire Hill and am against this proposal due to the adverse effect that it will have on the area. The street is simply unprepared for the volume of extra traffic that this will generate, being a single lane road with parking on both sides and already a very busy and bottle-necked area of Hampstead.

In addition to this, Hampstead already has 37 schools which with over 10,000 pupils and the area does not need another school which does not serve the local community. At 420 students, the proposed school will be the biggest in the area and the larger catchment area (entirety of Belsize Park) will add to the car traffic immensely. The proposed design is unacceptably large, doubling the exiting footprint with a design completely out of character with the street.

I would urge you to recommend that the scheme be rejected for the sake of current residents of not only the street, but the area in general which will face upheaval due to the increased traffic, noise and pollution.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Many thanks,

Angus Walker

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Dear Zenab Haji-Ismail

I am writing to object to the frankly unacceptable establishment of the new school on the site of the Police Station on Downshire Hill. I live at 38a Downshire Hill and can tell you that the road itself would become a complete bottleneck with the amount of traffic caused by this proposal – it already becomes completely blocked during semi-busy times, so I find it hard to imagine that this road could service a school during rush hour times.

I truly believe this project would lead to a school that couldn't be accessed, and a road full of frustrated and angry residents, both of which I imagine you would like to avoid. Therefore I would urge you to recommend that the scheme be rejected.

Thank you for your time.

Kindest,

Harry

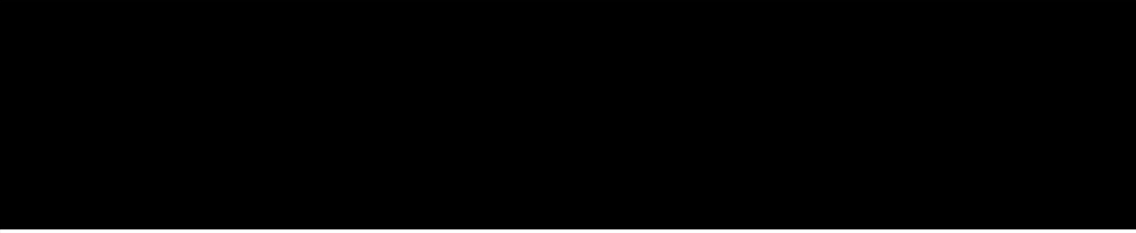
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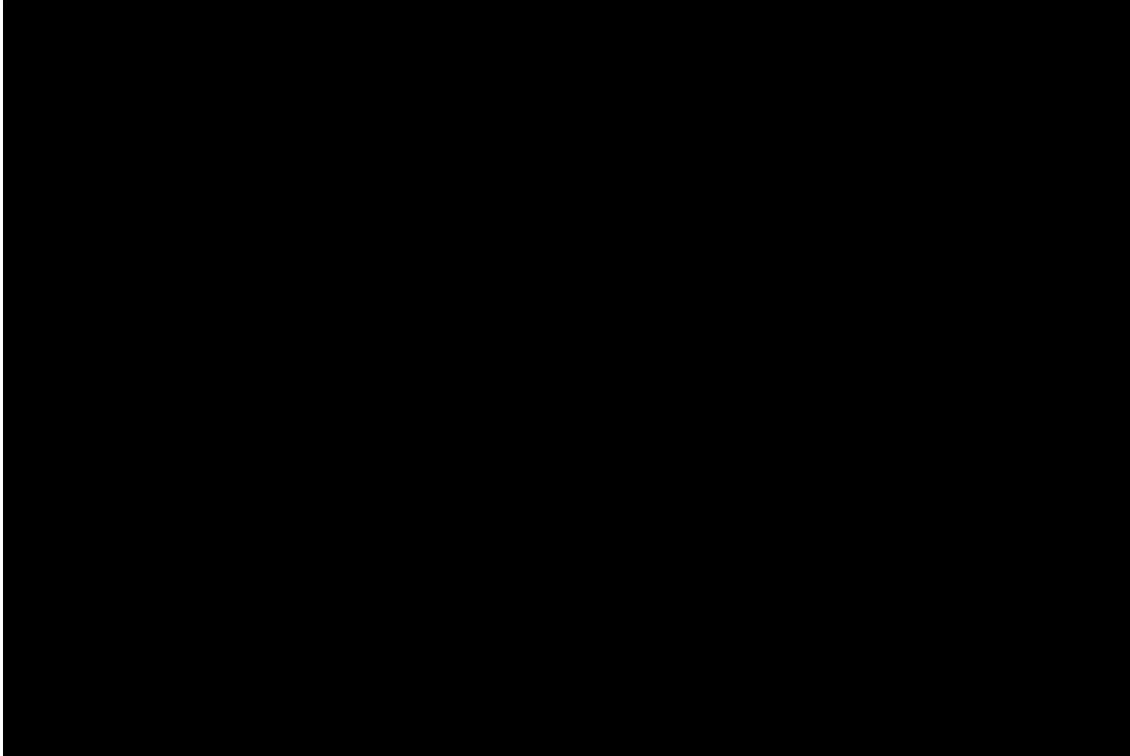
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Tania Slowe

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This would be a wonderful use for the police station. Every morning and afternoon the children gather outside my house to be bussed over to the temporary school location, and it would be really great if they could just walk up the hill to a local school.

Our children are now grown up, but we have grandchildren who will soon be of an age to possibly attend the school, so we are personally keen to support the plan.

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