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2016/1590/P	D Niotakis	7 Lancaster Drive nw3 4ey nw3 4ey nw3 4ey	19/05/2016 04:55:40	SUPNOT	Abacus has filled a need for new school spaces and done it extremely well, earning an Ofsted outstanding. There seems to be a lot of opposition to the school by people who are content with there being school places within private schools, and by people who seem happy to have increased foot traffic, car traffic and pollution from the site turning into more flats or such.
2016/1590/P	DAVID NIOTAKIS	7a Lancaster Drive Nw34ey	19/05/2016 05:33:17	SUPPRT	<p>Abacus has filled a desperate need for non religious, non fee paying school places in Belsize Park. Without this school, our children would have ended up out of the borough, in religious schools putting our family in a very difficult situation and uncomfortable situation.</p> <p>The school has demonstrated that it is capable of achieving it's aims and this is evidenced by the ofsted outstanding rating despite significant challenges of working in temporary locations and managing logistics.</p> <p>The school and parents are committed to addressing concerns about traffic and pollution by encouraging a culture of walking to and from school. Scaremongering opinions from some residents near the proposed site seems quite hypocritical and cynical given it is those very same local whose children attend the private schools in the area and are the cause of traffic problems. The school has proven it can deliver and hence in this regard I am confident that it will do the same.</p> <p>The use of the site and the development plans are sympathetic to the local area. Use of the building for a school and an investment in our nations future seems more constructive than handing it to a developer for yet more unaffordable housing. Particularly given the lack of school places in the catchment area.</p>

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2016/1590/P	Jeffrey D Gold	Flat 4 21 Pond Street London NW3 2PN	18/05/2016 10:48:40	OBJEMPER	<p>I am a local resident, and am also the chair of the Hampstead Green Neighbourhood Group. I write to object to the above proposal. My grounds for objecting are as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This is a proposal to enlarge a listed building. The proposals entail considerable enlargement of the bulk of the building are not in keeping with the listed building.2. The size and scale of the proposed new building is very much out of keeping with Downshire Hill in particular but it will also loom very large when viewed from other directions. The bulk of the building is excessive in relation to its neighbours and the proposal should be rejected on this ground alone but the argument is far stronger as it is a grade 2 listed building.3. It is proposed that there be play area on the top of the building. This will generate excessive levels of noise which will be extremely disturbing for neighbours in what is primarily a residential area and t is accordingly considered unacceptable4. The proposal to convert the building into a school is one of the greatest density usages to which the building could be put. I have seen such assertions from supporters of the scheme that it will generate very little in the way of the vehicular traffic. I think that this is highly unlikely. The school is not to be in the middle of its catchment area but very close to one of its boundaries. Many children will therefore travel, relatively speaking, quite long distances to get to school. As they will reside in homes which are as close to the furthest point they could possibly be within the catchment area. The road on which the building is located is a hill with quite substantial gradient and this will discourage people who might otherwise walk. Bad weather is also likely to encourage a higher incidence of driving. In my view the proposal would cause unacceptable levels of traffic , congestion and pollution at the junction with Downshire Hill. There is little or no scope to enhance parking facilities in the vicinity in what is already a very busy part of Hampstead. In short the assertions of supporters of the scheme that little vehicular traffic will be generated are not credible. The additional traffic and parents dropping off and waiting to collect children are likely to prove dangerous. One fears for the safety of children who may use the school and also of elderly residents who may be visiting both medical and dental practices very nearby.5. I completely associate myself with and support the arguments of the Heath and Hampstead Society in relation to this application. <p>The council should reject this application for change of use to a school on this site please</p> <p>Yours fatefully</p> <p>Jeffrey Gold</p>