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To: Planning
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From: Leonora [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 19 May 2016 23:39
To: Haji-Ismail, Zenab
Subject: 2016/1590/P

Dear Zenab,

As a young couple based in Belsize Park we are very conscious of the importance of local school provision and an Abacus objective for a 210 pupil school within the ward looked promising. We were dismayed however when looking at their present proposals for a school of twice the size and outside of the catchment area.

The proposal on closer inspection is appalling! It has some classrooms without windows, and it has negligible outdoor recreational space. The proposals would not pass muster in Dickensian times let alone for a school for the twenty first century. We cannot understand how such a proposal can possibly be promoted by Abacus as being an appropriate environment for teaching primary school pupils. Why can't Camden allocate a site within the ward for a proper local primary school to be run by people who understand the meaning of a conducive school environment?

Best regards,

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From: Andrew Neale [mailto:[REDACTED]]
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Dear Zenab

I have previously written in regards to the multiple failings of these proposals which flow from the manifest overdevelopment of the scheme.

To entertain overly ambitious expectations for a site is the prerogative of most private developers. However these proposals are for a state funded school where standards of accommodation at the very least would be expected to prevail.

By any measure the quality of education accommodation is unacceptable.

The applicants have sought support from Belsize parents. How many of these will have examined the plans and will have realised that:

- year 1 children are expected to use a heavily polluted (air quality and noise) external learning area at the front of the building
- year 3 children will be subjected to a windowless classroom
- all children have a woefully inadequate external or other recreational space to enjoy at breaks , and no qualifying space for team sports.
- that the tortuous circulation routes are both questionable from an escape safety viewpoint and in regards to an acceptable level for disabled use ,whether pupils or teachers.
- that teaching staff facilities are completely inadequate.

The scheme should be refused ,and the better provided and managed local schools should be supported and encouraged ,in an era of declining local birth rates and surplus primary accommodation within Camden(as per Camden's and GLA's own data).

Regards

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From: Haji-Ismail, Zenab
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From: David Griffiths [mailto:[REDACTED]]
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Dear Ms Haji-Ismail

I am a long term resident in Belsize Ward and I would like to state my strong reservations to the current plan as disclosed for Abacus School to develop the Hampstead Police Station. While supportive of the aims of the school principals overall, I am concerned about both the plan for the building (apparently not suitable for a new and modern educational facility, for example the windowless classroom, negligible external play area; lack of respect for the existing building) and the potential effect on the already congested streets in the immediate neighbourhood. I believe these aspects must be explored and developed further, transparently and properly before approval can be given.

Sincerely,

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