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For the attention of Zenab Haji-Ismail
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Dear Zeinab Haji-Ismail

Application 2016/2042/L – Change of use – Old Hampstead Police Station

We write to object to the above application. Our grounds for objection are as follows:

- Hampstead is already over served with primary schools and does not need another. As it is several existing schools are operating under capacity so any pupils interested in finding a school place could easily apply to one of these.
- As it is Abacus school has a poor record of education and school management according to Ofsted's most recent report (2015) so why do we need to encourage the existence of a sub-standard school in an area which is already well served by better schools?
- To allow yet another school in an already well served will only serve to damage other schools efforts to work at full capacity.
- As far as the design is concerned we believe the proposals are wholly inappropriate in relation to the main building which is Grade II Listed – and in a Conservation Area at that.
- There is already a significant problem with traffic congestion in Hampstead Village. Much of this has to do with the almost total blockage of the area during school run hours. This will inevitably get much worse with the development of HS2 and the proposed Cycle Superhighway, both of which are acknowledged as having a seriously deleterious impact on the local area which much increased problems of air pollution. Since children in this area never seem to walk to school and are fetched and carried by their parents, usually in enormous Chelsea tractors, yet another school will only further exacerbate such problems.

- This Grade II listed building would be much better adapted to other forms of use which will have much less serious impact on the area and be more suited to a historic building such as this.

We urge you to refuse this application.

Best wishes



J and D Stevens