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2016/6319/P	M Watts	Garden Flat 10 Crossfield Road	12/01/2017 14:40:39	OBJEMAIL	<p>This is an objection to the proposed planning application of The Hall school (2016/6319/P).</p> <p>I have lived in Crossfield Road for 15 years, and would be very concerned about the disruption the changes would cause to residents, both during the works and afterwards. The school presumably has adequate space and facilities for its pupils, otherwise it could not have operated successfully to date. It has not demonstrated any true need for the changes, which would come at great cost to the peace and quiet of the street. They appear to be an attempt to maximise the profitability of a business by enhancing the scope and value of its premises and therefore its services. The traffic disruption caused by the school has long been a matter of contention, and the planning proposal works would greatly aggravate it. If the current site is no longer fit for purpose, perhaps the school might consider a move to a new campus elsewhere, as the proposed works would constitute a fundamental change to the character of the street and the lives of its residents.</p>
2016/6319/P	Sanya Polescuk on behalf of Belsize Residents Association	8a Belsize Court Garages	12/01/2017 23:37:40	OBJ	<p>Our objections on the proposal is on the grounds of a) poor design and b) overdevelopment of site.</p> <p>a) The design is rather underwhelming and inappropriate for its status as the only public building in the street. It is over-simplistic, no more than a pared-down version of the original school building. Such an uninspired approach is missing an opportunity to make a confident contemporary contribution to the architecture of the Conservation Area, much as the original building did at its time.</p> <p>The design also fails to deliver clarity of the entrance, an important issue for every public building. Each building comes with a prominent central entrance feature, the less prominent one is the main entrance. This is unfortunate.</p> <p>b) The site is already densely populated and tightly wedged between the surrounding buildings and with very restricted access to the full site. The proposed extensive demolition is unfortunate and wasteful. The proposed new buildings consist of multiple levels of above and below ground space, resulting in an overbearing building mass, out of scale and character of the neighbourhood. The original semi-urban concept of the area, with buildings lining the streets and enclosing the spacious gardens within, will be compromised by the proposal to build the two story building with double basement reaching deep into the original rear garden area and completely engulfing the single remaining tree growing out of the paving of the new school playground. The proposal should be scaled down and redesigned.</p>

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2016/6319/P	Aliya & Ajit Nedungadi	9 Fitzjohns Avenue London NW3 5JY	11/01/2017 15:23:11	SUPPRT	The Hall School is one of the leading independent schools in London and provides excellent education for my children. I recognise that if the school wishes to continue to provide excellent education for its pupils, the facilities and layout of the Centenary Building desperately need upgrading. Classrooms are currently too small and unsuited for teaching and learning; a number of subjects have to compete for the same space in the run-down Wathen Hall, impacting on the curriculum; and there is a lot of wasted space taken up by corridors and staircases – highly unsuitable for disabled pupils and staff. I realise that this is a difficult decision for the school, but I am confident that these proposals will create an excellent learning environment for the boys. I am fully supportive of the school's proposals to rebuild the Centenary Building.
