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From: [REDACTED]
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To: Fowler, David <David.Fowler@camden.gov.uk>
Subject: Opposition to Planning Application 2019/2375/P

Dear Mr Fowler

As residents of Hampstead Hill Gardens it will come as no surprise to receive our objections to the resubmission to locate a Primary School in the Old Police Station.

I attended the residents meeting that was held earlier this year. To be honest, this was the first time I have ever attended a meeting of this kind, but my concern about this development is so strong that I felt compelled to come along and learn more about the proposal. I was appalled at the manner in which this meeting was conducted. There was virtually no opportunity for residents to register their concerns. The AV facilities for the presentations were unbelievably poor as were the content of the presentations. It also felt as if the families of the children who are hoping to send their children to this school had hijacked the event by bringing along so many young children who quite frankly should have been in bed.

The arguments made in favour of this school were unconvincing and the impartial and unbalanced manner in how this meeting was held was deplorable. The case against opening a school on this site and in this particular location is very clear. It is hard to understand that that the school have been allowed to resubmit their application when the facts as to why it should not go ahead are so clear.

You will have received the very comprehensive and well-argued lists of objections from fellow residents of Hampstead Hill Gardens but let me remind you of them again:

Cost

At over £20m, this will be the most expensive free primary school ever built in the United Kingdom.

Unnecessary

There's no need for a new state primary school in Hampstead.

Not For Hampstead Children

Abacus Belsize primary school expressly excludes Hampstead children.

Wrong Location

There are more appropriate sites available in Belsize Park.

Pollution

At Hampstead Police Station, vehicle emissions are *already* above the government's 'safe' level.

Traffic

Abacus Belsize is creating a new, unnecessary school run.

Existing Policy

Camden planning policy specifically forbids new schools in Hampstead.

Quite frankly it is hard to understand how the Department of Education allowed the funding to be made for this project to get started in the first place. As a high tax payer, I am appalled to think that this is where my hard earned taxes are being spent.

I trust that you, as Chief Planning Officer, will do the right thing and refuse the planning permission and stop wasting everyone's time and money on a ridiculous project that should have been stopped years ago.

On a more positive note, It would be nice to see the Police Station re-opened as we're experiencing high levels of crime in the area on a regular basis. And if that's not an option then why not offer the building to the Royal Free to provide much needed affordable accommodation for our doctors and nurses? This would make much more sense than creating a primary school that is not needed and in the wrong location for the children it is aiming to serve.

Yours sincerely

