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The Principal Planner,
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For the attention of Mr David Fowler

Dear Principal Planner,

OBJECTION to Proposed Abacus School at Old Hampstead Police Station –

Planning Application No. 2019/2375/P

As a neighbouring resident, I strongly object to the above application, and call upon Camden Council to refuse it, for the following reasons:

1. The school is unnecessary. In Belsize Park and Hampstead there are already over 650 more primary school places than are needed, and this oversupply is forecast to increase (see the Council's own 2018 School Places planning report). Adding to the oversupply will increase financial pressure on existing schools.
2. The school is in an inappropriate location. Much more suitably located sites have been identified within the Belsize catchment and which could be acquired at significantly lower cost.
3. The school will be of no or very limited benefit to children living within the Hampstead catchment area as it is intended for children from Belsize catchment.
4. The cost of the proposed school is wildly and irresponsibly excessive. The total of building acquisition and conversion costs will exceed £20 million. In addition, the school will be given £150,000 per annum in additional income from the proposed business centre.
5. Pollution levels at the site are already in excess of the Government's "safe" level. Mitigation inside the school by air conditioning etc. may or may not be effective, but in any case ignores the risk to pupils and parents arriving at the school and leaving, pollution risk to children while playing outside, and increased pollution generally outside the school.
6. Noise and congestion in Hampstead will be increased at what is already one of the busiest traffic intersections in the area. Hundreds of people will converge on the area at the two busiest times of day.
7. It is estimated (on the basis of comparable evidence) that in spite of the advertised car-free ethos of the school at least 25% of children will be taken to and collected from the school by car. The school has no power to prevent parents driving their children to and from school, in spite of the intended policy.
8. The development is in clear breach of Camden's own policy under the local plan (2017, 4.33) which stipulates that Camden WILL REFUSE applications for new schools or the expansion of existing schools unless it can be demonstrated that the number of traffic movements will not increase. It is perfectly clear, as above, that traffic movements WILL increase.

For all these reasons, I call upon Camden to REFUSE this application.

Yours faithfully,

