

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2019/2375/P	Atheke Gury	06/06/2019 22:47:22	COMMNT	<p>Abacus Belsize Primary School is an outstanding popular and successful school. It has been in temporary accommodation for 6 years, it would be nice to see them finally have a permanent site.</p> <p>It would be a shame to not have a good school like this around.</p> <p>Also all previous objections have been overcome.</p> <p>The school has a car free ethos.</p> <p>The limited use by school of just few hours a day and many holiday breaks, is a fraction compared to police station that was used all day everyday.</p>
2019/2375/P	Siddique ali	06/06/2019 22:41:42	COMMNT	Yes it will be great to go ahead
2019/2375/P	Siddique ali	06/06/2019 22:41:30	COMMNT	Yes it will be great to go ahead
2019/2375/P	Siddique ali	06/06/2019 22:41:28	COMMNT	Yes it will be great to go ahead
2019/2375/P	Siddique ali	06/06/2019 22:41:25	COMMNT	Yes it will be great to go ahead
2019/2375/P	Farhan Lalji	06/06/2019 13:43:09	COMMNT	<p>Think Belsize and Hampstead need a diverse group of options for schools in the area. The administration, parents and children all care about the community and think that this is a school that will be a benefit to the community.</p> <p>The school and parents are committed to the environment and I believe that this will not add to the noise or pollution in the area, if anything more schools in the area should be asked to join Abacus in lowering their usage of cars.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Simon	11/06/2019 00:53:06	SUPPRT	<p>I support this application. It seems much of the opposition is not based in facts.</p> <p>The building will be kept in public use if the planning permission is granted. The school have taken great care to make proposals to sensitively alter the building and staff feel privileged for the opportunity to teach 210 of our young community members there.</p> <p>The school has been established for 6 years already; hence concerns that approval of this planning application will impact surrounding schools is not accurate. The need for the school has already been proven to Camden and the school is admitting students from a catchment not well served by other Camden schools. Our family did not gain a place at other Camden schools as we were too far from them. The need for the school cannot be dismissed away as though it is not real. The existence of Abacus has provided equity by giving access to local, state funded education to our families.</p> <p>The school is truly committed to limiting car use. We live that vow in our daily journeys on foot to the bus stop. And the challenge of managing pollution in Camden is a shared one. Are our families not also residents of Camden? Some of us also work in Camden (Hampstead, in fact!) too. Abacus shouldn't be held as the scapegoat for all of the journeys made by all families in the local area on the school run. We need a collective approach that includes Abacus as a valued local school.</p> <p>Yes, the school is (just) outside catchment. But the walk to the school would be shorter even than the current walk to the bus stop for many. If a suitable building existed in catchment, it would have been used. The absence of such a site is the cause for the school being formed in the first place. As for the indignation about the school being out of catchment; at the developers forum, protesters admitted they didn't mind the school being out of area as long as it wasn't near to them. It feels like this undermines that argument. Thank you for consider</p>

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2019/2375/P	Simon	11/06/2019 00:49:14	SUPPRT	<p>I support this application. It seems much of the opposition is not based in facts.</p> <p>The building will be kept in public use if the planning permission is granted. The school have taken great care to make proposals to sensitively alter the building and staff feel privileged for the opportunity to teach 210 of our young community members there.</p> <p>The school has been established for 6 years already; hence concerns that approval of this planning application will impact surrounding schools is not accurate. The need for the school has already been proven to Camden and the school is admitting students from a catchment not well served by other Camden schools. Our family did not gain a place at other Camden schools as we were too far from them. The need for the school cannot be dismissed away as though it is not real. The existence of Abacus has provided equity by giving access to local, state funded education to our families.</p> <p>The school is truly committed to limiting car use. We live that vow in our daily journeys on foot to the bus stop. And the challenge of managing pollution in Camden is a shared one. Are our families not also residents of Camden? Some of us also work in Camden (Hampstead, in fact!) too. Abacus shouldn't be held as the scapegoat for all of the journeys made by all families in the local area on the school run. We need a collective approach that includes Abacus as a valued local school.</p> <p>Yes, the school is (just) outside catchment. But the walk to the school would be shorter even than the current walk to the bus stop for many. If a suitable building existed in catchment, it would have been used. The absence of such a site is the cause for the school being formed in the first place. As for the indignation about the school being out of catchment; at the developers forum, protesters admitted they didn't mind the school being out of area as long as it wasn't near to them. It feels like this undermines that argument. Thank you for consider</p>

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2019/2375/P	Elaine Wright	09/06/2019 19:32:59	OBJ	<p>I strongly object to the proposal to open yet another school in Hampstead and believe this to be a breach of the Local Development Framework and Core Strategy.</p> <p>As other long-suffering residents have pointed out, Hampstead is simply choking from school run traffic. I have walked this busy intersection for twelve years during school run times and any potential increase in vehicles will be catastrophic and unfair on pedestrians. Pollution levels are above the legal limit and it is impossible to enforce a car free school.</p> <p>I can vouch for the misery enforced on residents when 200 extra school children have been allowed in the area as I live close to Heathside School. They also supported walking and cycling when they were allowed to expand and traffic is now so bad, that the Council is looking at having to pedestrianise our streets.</p> <p>It is unfair to compare how many families take advantage of a free shuttle bus which will be discontinued to those who will be tempted to drive their young children up the hill from the actual catchment area. I note that the traffic consultation report, which identifies potential residential car spaces in a large number of surrounding streets, makes no mention of how cars stopping to park and moving out slow down traffic and make it difficult for pedestrians near junctions. I also note that it was carried out on a summer's day during last June's heatwave and from my own experience, many more parents drive in colder, wetter weather.</p> <p>As others have pointed out, the oversupply of schools in the area, makes this a ridiculous choice for a school with a catchment area outside of Hampstead. The school is close to a hospital which increases desperation for parking and nearby streets are already busy in all directions with other school traffic.</p> <p>The projected oversupply of school places is another reason to turn down this application. Please put residents and pedestrians' health first and turn down this unnecessary applicatio</p>
2019/2375/P	Frank Harding	10/06/2019 16:23:42	OBJEMPER	<p>I am a local resident and do not believe that the move of Abacus School to the old police station is either desirable or necessary for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The school would be at the very extremity of its catchment area; local children to the east and north of the school, even from adjoining roads, would not be eligible to join it. 2 Camden has stated that there already exists a growing surplus of primary school places in the area - and Hampstead already has too many schools. 3 The impact on traffic from deliveries and collections both of children and supplies will make an already difficult traffic environment at school run and other times even worse and the effect of the increased pollution in an area already exceeding legal limits is wholly unacceptable. 4 The concept of a school with no children being driven there is not credible - up from Chalk Farm, Swiss Cottage etc in winter? Would Camden Council enforce such a policy? <p>I strongly object to the siting of this school, however good it might be, in the old police station and would urge Camden to reject the application.</p> <p>Frank Harding</p>

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2019/2375/P	Ricky J	09/06/2019 19:32:51	COMMNT	<p>The police station has been empty for many years and an appropriate use for it needs to be found. I would support that it changes to a school. Traffic management can be in place in the form of mandatory shared transport or school buses. The catchment area for the school is however, limited and consideration to extended is welcomed to include other parts of NW3 (east and north of the current limits).</p>
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2019/2375/P	Tom Treivish	08/06/2019 23:54:55	SUPPRT	<p>The school is a very important addition to the neighborhood. It will definitely not cause any additional traffic congestion since most, if not all, families live within a short walking distance from the location.</p> <p>A school is not a pub, it is a vital part of any community and one that Belsize Park needs.</p> <p>Please approve the school's request to move into the police building.</p> <p>Thanks, Tom</p>
2019/2375/P	Harriet Nowell-Smith	09/06/2019 20:22:56	COMMNT	<p>Dear Committee members, I am a local resident and the Chair of Governors at Abacus. I'm delighted that we have this school for Camden residents and hope very much that you will permit it to build a permanent home.</p> <p>When my daughter was born in 2008, we soon heard about the lack of school places in this part of the borough. Like other parents, we worried for years. The lack of secular school places appalled me so deeply I suggested making an application under the new rules for academies when they came in. Our fears were well-founded - our daughter didn't get a place anywhere for Reception 2012.</p> <p>The situation is so much better now that we have Abacus. It has been going for six years and is educating local children beautifully. It is a real asset for our community, a truly local school where children learn with their neighbours and families get to know and support each other. Please help it find a permanent site within walking distance of where the pupils live.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Asaf Yacobi	07/06/2019 15:01:54	SUPNOT	<p>Strongly agree and support this application. There is no other scholar STATE school in Belsize!</p>
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2019/2375/P	Andrew Wolman	06/06/2019 16:10:44	SUPPRT	I am a local parent, hoping to send my son to Abacus next year. I have heard very good things about the school and were impressed by the tour. I would very much like for my son to be able to walk to school, however, rather than taking the bus to King's Cross each day. So I strongly support this planning application.
2019/2375/P	Jo Tsakok	06/06/2019 15:55:37	SUPPRT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need Abacus School because there are not enough non-faith school in Belsize Park. This lack of choice, where kids are obliged to go to schools not of their faith, is tantamount to religious indoctrination. 2. Abacus School needs a permanent home near its catchment area. 3. We need Abacus even in the current climate of falling demand for school places and tight budgets. To address this, some same-faith schools could be amalgamated and/or underperforming schools should be closed.
2019/2375/P	Zhamilya Bashieva	11/06/2019 00:39:55	SUPPRT	Abacus is a great school and children of Belsize have a right for the best possible education!

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2019/2375/P	Giacomo Levi	10/06/2019 14:36:55	SUPPRT	<p>I am the father of a child who will go to reception in September 2020.</p> <p>The reality is that there are no secular primary schools in the area and moving Abacus back to the area will definitely alleviate the issue.</p> <p>The alternative, given that I don't want my child to attend a religious school, is to enroll to an independent school or to move out of the area we love and have called home for more than 6 years.</p>
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2019/2375/P	Michal Yacobi	08/06/2019 22:31:25	SUPPRT	I highly support the only schooler school in Belsize
2019/2375/P	Dori Stein	08/06/2019 14:11:05	COMMNT	<p>The school has always been single form entry - with 210 pupils.</p> <p>The school staff and parents pledge - as do I to walk to school. We live close by, don't own a car and prefer walking.</p> <p>As a police station - the premises must have been much more active - taking into account the hours and holidays of a school.</p>
2019/2375/P	Alexandra Reitman	08/06/2019 08:36:12	SUPPRT	<p>Need more local state / not fee paying schools and community resources. Many local people can't afford the private school fees and those are the schools that keep getting permission to expand. It's important for community cohesion, environmental sustainability, and for local resilience. Local schools become an asset to their community, increasing daytime activity, but also weekend and evening overlooking, security, and sense of liveliness. The existing building was in community institutional use before and should continue.</p>
2019/2375/P	Natasha	07/06/2019 18:47:42	SUPPRT	This will be a great school for the area. It is a car free school which will not impact on the area.

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2019/2375/P	Sophie	06/06/2019 10:43:44	SUPPRT	<p>Regarding the planning application for Hampstead police station I would like to offer a few words in complete support of Abacus Belsize Primary School. My two children attend this school and we are local residents. We have been part of this outstanding school family for the last five years and I am confident that the school will make an excellent use of the building and surrounding land. We are committed to a car free school policy and our family alone have walked, scooted or cycled to school every day my children have attended. As a local resident I don't feel another school is unnecessary, living in NW offers a wonderful range of education for our future generations and our space, in my opinion, is richer for it.</p>
2019/2375/P	Harley	07/06/2019 18:32:21	WREP	<p>The school and and children would benefit from a permanent location.</p>
2019/2375/P	Arben Stuja	07/06/2019 16:55:03	NOBJ	<p>I suppose this school as my son wouldnt have had a school place without Abacus. It is an outstanding school that always delivers its promises and has worked tirelessly to give outstanding education to all its pupils.</p>
2019/2375/P	Marina Stuja	07/06/2019 16:36:14	NOBJ	<p>I fully support this much needed outstanding school in Belsize.</p>
2019/2375/P	Gabi zutel	07/06/2019 16:33:38	SUPPRT	<p>Both my boys go to abacus and we have been part of the school community for over 3 years now. The school is outstanding rated which shows the calibre of academics taught and additionally the staff is amazing as well. The school has long waiting lists which shows how much a Belsize Park free school is needed. As to the opposition, I want to comment that I will be going carless to the new school location and most people I know will do the same as well.</p> <p>Please let us have a home to our wonderful school that is clearly wanted by a big portion of the local community.</p>
2019/2375/P	Bernard Schneider	07/06/2019 14:10:39	COMMNT	<p>Belsize Park needs a non-faith state primary school!</p>
2019/2375/P	Oksana Levi	10/06/2019 12:55:15	COMMNT	<p>I have got two children who will be applying to the Abacus school in 2020 and 2021. It's is very important for us as any other family in Belsize Park to be able to have a local state school. The commute on the bus doe 20 can be very exhausting for such a young children. I believe each child should have right for a free education in the local school in the area they live.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Krista Pepler	10/06/2019 13:19:36	SUPPRT	Abacus Belsize Primary School provides its many happy pupils with a wonderful and rigorous education. However, it is physically squashed in its current temporary location and in dire need of a new permanent home. The families and staff who comprise the Abacus school community wish nothing more than to see their children continue to flourish at this amazing school, which in turn benefits Camden with its consistently high rankings and results.
2019/2375/P	Keith Gorman	07/06/2019 09:13:10	SUPPRT	<p>I am a resident of Belsize Park and the parent of a reception year student at Abacus and strongly support the unused Hampstead police station as the permanent home of Abacus. Abacus is an established primary school with over 140 students. Since my first encounters with the Abacus family more than a year and a half ago, I have regularly been exposed to an amazing group of faculty and parents that are focused on the development and education of the student body. It is wonderful to see the development of the children education wise while also developing an awareness of their impact at the community and local levels. We are lucky to be able send our son to Abacus as there are virtually no secular state school options in the Belsize Park catchment area.</p> <p>We do not own a car and are committed to the no car policy being endorsed by Abacus. I hope the board recognises the asset Abacus has been to the community since first opening 6 years ago (albeit from a remote location) and the asset it is for the future of the community by approving the request.</p>
2019/2375/P	Raluca Antonescu	06/06/2019 18:08:53	SUPPRT	Abacus Belsize primary school is an outstanding school which is passionate about educating young people. Abacus school is a really fun place to be, and there is always something happening to enhance an already exciting curriculum. It has always been a very close partnership between the school and the Abacus families, and this lies at the heart of the children's happiness and success.
2019/2375/P	Nisha Patel	10/06/2019 23:29:06	NOBJ	Abacus Belsize Primary school is an outstanding school with respectful, friendly staff, pupils and parents. The school is so popular within the area, my son was offered a place at New End Primary School but when a space became available we jumped at the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful school. Abacus is, and has been a one form entry school. The school has been in temporary accommodation for six years now and they deserve to have a permanent home. The school will ensure that the building will stay in public ownership and I am sure the use of the building when it was a police station would've been far more noisy and chaotic (and in constant use) than the school would.
2019/2375/P	Paul Hanna	05/06/2019 07:58:28	NOBJ	<p>I support the development of the Hampstead police station into a school for Abacus Belsize Primary school. From the information I've seen, there will be no impact on local schools as the school's catchment remains the same, the only difference is that at the moment they are being bussed to school.</p> <p>I fully understand and support the school's car free ethos and feel that at the children are already walking to the bus, this won't change.</p> <p>I feel this school would be an asset to the community it already serves and permission should be granted.</p>
2019/2375/P	Kylie Whiting	08/06/2019 21:38:35	SUPPRT	I completely support Abacus School moving to the old police station site, into the Belsize Park & Hampstead area. If I were still living at my prior address in Pond Street I would have definitely sent my child to Abacus. Please allow the school to move to this site.

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2019/2375/P	Sinéad	08/06/2019 00:38:45	SUPPRT	<p>I strongly support this planning application.</p> <p>The application itself has thoughtfully and respectfully considered and satisfied all concerns raised previously by the committee.</p> <p>Using a beautiful building which has laid empty for years, to provide quality, secular and free education to young members of the local community can surely not be so distasteful to residents? Have we become so indifferent toward our fellow community members that we will object so strongly to something which does not serve our own personal needs?</p> <p>Comments on the abundance of schools in the area are misleading. The majority of these are fee paying schools; attracting (road) traffic from a much greater distance than the short jaunt (on legs) that Belsize Park residents look forward to making to their new home.</p> <p>Any proposed impact on subscription numbers at other schools resulting from the move into the police station is imagined. Abacus already exists. This is a physical repatriation, not the establishment of a brand new school population. This is why I find the strong objection from New End puzzling. Firstly New End is much further from catchment than the police station. If Abacus were to close, families of Belsize Park would be again forced to travel much farther than the location of the police station to reach schools such as New End, increasing the likelihood of using cars. Does that not seem to contradict the very earnest objections about air pollution in the area? Additionally, I doubt that residents of Belsize Park would even be offered places in New End (as an example). The admission data for 2018 showed there were 204 applications for 60 reception places, and the furthest child was 1.065 miles away. This would exclude almost all (or all) children in the Abacus catchment area, demonstrating the school does not threaten this population.</p> <p>Please accept my support for a wonderful and much needed local school finally gaining a home in the police station.</p> <p>Kind thanks.</p>
2019/2375/P	Fatumo Abdillahi	06/06/2019 11:23:07	SUPPRT	<p>Abacus Belsize Primary School has been a valuable and well regarded addition to local schools in the area. I have 2 children that attend the school, after having difficulty getting places for both at a single school, and from the offset my children have thrived. The school is academically strong, has dedicated and approachable teachers, active and committed parents and most importantly a positive learning culture that encourages the children to not only thrive but excel.</p> <p>The school has a clear policy that encourages parents/students to walk to school, thus keeping traffic and congestion to a minimum and ensuring the school does its bit to improve air quality in the area.</p> <p>The new school site will provide a permanent home for a thriving school that nurtures local children and indeed my own children are a testament to that. I fully support this application with the full knowledge that it will only have a positive impact in the area.</p>
2019/2375/P	Francesca egan	10/06/2019 21:19:56	SUPPRT	<p>I have lived in Camden my whole life. Went to state school here. I'm thinking ahead to where I can send my children. It would great to have a local school that wasn't far to go.</p> <p>We are a family with kids that lives in Belsize Park We need to encourage families to stay in the area. We need good state schools and Abacus has been thriving since it opened 6 years ago. It's time to give it a permanent home.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Gabrielle Levine	10/06/2019 16:59:36	SUPPEMAI L	<p>I am firmly in support of this Ofsted-rated-outstanding and much-needed school, which is both popular and successful. As a Camden resident who was also educated in the borough at a secular school, I feel strongly that my children should have the same opportunity. And as a parent of a child who attends Abacus, I am committed to walking to school; in fact, I don't drive at all.</p> <p>Having walked past the empty Police Station on my way to work for years, I am totally in favour of bringing this much-loved building back into community use and welcome the school's plans to include space that the wider community can also utilise. I cannot think of a better way for the council to fulfil its Camden 2025 vision - to make the borough a place where everyone has a chance to succeed and where nobody gets left behind - than by ensuring Abacus Belsize primary school is allowed to continue to thrive in a permanent home at the former Police Station.</p>
2019/2375/P	KONSTANTINOS XITAS	10/06/2019 12:56:01	NOBJ	<p>I have lived in the Belsize Park area for almost 5 years and there has been constant pushback for this "Change of Use".</p> <p>The main reason is a general pushback against non-religious schools.</p> <p>This line of reasoning does not make sense as Belsize Park is a growing multinational area and to this end must be able to provide non-religious, non-fee schools to those inhabitants who are not Catholic/CoE or high-earning and able to afford school fees.</p> <p>Failing to provide non-religious school options, forces people to (i) either choose not to live in the area, or (ii) opt for a fee-paying school, or (iii) begrudgingly join a religious school.</p> <p>The above effects lead to nothing short of societal construction, meaning that the only people that have children that can afford to live in the area either need to be (i) earning enough to pay independent school fees - which in effect means the area seeks to attract high-earners (which also helps keep the rents high); or (ii) forces individuals to follow the CoE/Catholic church, thereby asking people to adhere to a specific set of religious beliefs & values (if they are to manage to send their children to school), thus ensuring that individuals with other religious beliefs that are not high-earning find it difficult to live in the area.</p> <p>That does not sound right to me.</p>
2019/2375/P	Olivier Astruc	09/06/2019 21:55:29	SUPPRT	<p>Abacus Belsize Primary School has filled the need for primary school education for Belsize Park children with a local community school. They now need a local building and the former police station will be a great fit. I am very supportive of this building permit application.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Ana	07/06/2019 16:51:31	SUPPRT	I believe Abacus is a wonderful school with great and respectful children. The teachers work hard to give the best and in return, the children show an enormous respect and understanding of the school rules like kindness, safety, respect to others, good manners. I see Abacus as an extraordinary opportunity for the area as in the children will enjoy a child friendly dynamic learning and fun experiences. Children are the generation of the future, and that should be our priority. I heard complaints of noise as if the school would move to the area. And I think... Noise goes along with the word children, it means life, it means joy, it should be welcome, it should be a good sign. Silence is more close to the other end of the line. It does not seem logical to me. I take the tube and walk to and from the school. I don't owe a car, I believe in incredibly awesome TFL, because it works wonderfully. Who would like to take the car in the morning? In London??? It is not worth it. I think the school should be allowed to use the old police station because it is a nice and safe area, it is a waste of building with no purpose otherwise. I support Abacus ;)
2019/2375/P	Audrey Mandela	07/06/2019 16:49:52	OBJ	I would like to object to this application. The school will not serve local children; it is very likely to increase traffic in the area (we already find it very difficult to get out of our road during school commute times); traffic will add to congestion and pollution. The scheme will add to noise in the area. It will also be a waste of taxpayer money. Camden's own planning policy forbids new schools in Hampstead. It's difficult to understand why these applications continue to be considered.
2019/2375/P	Sophie Cooke	07/06/2019 10:07:21	COMMNT	I am a parent at Abacus and I am in full support of the plans to transform the old police station for this wonderful purpose. The plans seem to fit the needs of the school perfectly whilst respecting the character of the building and the surrounding area. There also seems to have been a lot of thought to minimise disruption to neighbours, with consideration to keep noise and air pollution at minimum and addressing all issues with the previous application. I think it would be fantastic for a building like this which was built to serve the community can continue to do so.
2019/2375/P	Al Hadi Ali	06/06/2019 22:37:11	COMMNT	Abacus Belsize primary school is an established school in the area. And has been rated outstanding and is popular and successful and is about to take its seventh intake of pupils. All the previous grounds for objections has overcome. It would be a shame to see a successful school like this not to have a permanent site.
2019/2375/P	Al Hadi Ali	06/06/2019 22:37:01	COMMNT	Abacus Belsize primary school is an established school in the area. And has been rated outstanding and is popular and successful and is about to take its seventh intake of pupils. All the previous grounds for objections has overcome. It would be a shame to see a successful school like this not to have a permanent site.

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2019/2375/P	Janne van den Eijnde	06/06/2019 17:31:39	SUPPRT	<p>Abacus is an 'Outstanding' school with outstanding teachers in the Belsize area. The school is single form entry hence not too big so the pupils will fit the former Police Station without any outside refurbishments to the listed building.</p> <p>The Police Station is now empty and will have a new great purpose schooling these Camden children, keeping the building in the public space.</p> <p>The children use public transport, walk or cycle to school as the school has had a car-free policy from day one.</p> <p>As there are no parking spaces for either parents or teachers there will be no cars dropping off/picking up kids</p> <p>This is obviously good for the environment but it also rules out any irritation to the neighbours or disruption to local traffic</p> <p>Generations to come will enjoy having this fantastic school in their area</p>
2019/2375/P	Justin Levine	10/06/2019 23:05:37	SUPPEMAIL	<p>I am in total support of the planning application and wholeheartedly approve of the plans to transform the derelict and desolate former police station into a thriving community hub.</p> <p>I was born in Camden, I grew up in Camden and I am raising my family in Camden. It has always been a place where mixed, integrated communities have flourished and Abacus school is a great example of this.</p> <p>I firmly believe that granting Abacus a permanent home on Rossllyn Hill will help make Camden a better borough –</p> <p>by ensuring every child who attends will have a chance to succeed. The location will also ensure that every pupil will enjoy access to one of Camden's finest green spaces - Hampstead Heath - and participate in valuable outdoor learning.</p>
2019/2375/P	Kunihiko Matsubara	06/06/2019 19:44:39	SUPPRT	<p>We live in the catchment area where we can take our son to the planned school place by walk.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Peter Kappus	10/06/2019 18:46:35	SUPPRT	<p>I'm writing to express my support for Abacus Belsize Primary School to be given planning permission to use the old police station on Haverstock Hill. For nearly 6 years, Abacus has played a vital role not only in preparing our area's children for the future but also in making Belsize Park into a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive community.</p> <p>There are no free, secular, Ofsted-outstanding schools in the Belsize Park and Hampstead area, except Abacus. As a parent, I can attest to how difficult it was to find a suitable place for our son. The building should remain in public service and the current plans will respect the listed historical character of the building. It will only be in use for a few hours each day (far less than when it was a police station).</p> <p>Opposition has erroneously stated that it is a new school and that it could be redesigned, later, to become a two-form entry school. Abacus has been educating over 100 children in the area for nearly 6 years and a two-form entry scheme would not be possible without new plans and a new planning application. Some nearby residents have cited noise and pollution concerns and suggested placing the school only a few hundred feet away (in unsuitable or unavailable buildings). This shows that their objections are primarily to having a school on their immediate street.</p> <p>I understand their concern given how many private schools there are in the area whose students are often driven in from far away. Many abacus families (ourselves included) do not own a car. The school is firmly committed to its "walk to school" policy and we look forward to walking our child (now in his 3rd year at Abacus) to school every day (yes, even in the rain and snow :-).</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and for supporting outstanding education for our children and our neighbourhood.</p> <p>Peter</p>
2019/2375/P	Carolina Varela	10/06/2019 21:23:35	SUPPEMPE R	Full support
2019/2375/P	Sara	10/06/2019 21:13:59	SUPPRT	I support moving Abacus to the Hampstead police station because there's a real need for a free school in this area. Leaving in Belsize Park 4 years ago (Buckland crescent), I didn't have much choice in Belsize beside religious school and my family doesn't practice any religion.

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2019/2375/P	Sabrina Salonna	09/06/2019 22:40:27	SUPPRT	<p>I fully support this application. I am a parent and as a family, we are very proud to be part of the school community. Over the last six years Abacus has proven to be an outstanding school, where children experience amazing learning in a stimulating and caring atmosphere. We couldn't be luckier to get a place at Abacus for our two daughters given that the school has been oversubscribed year over year being such a successful school with academic results amongst the highest in Camden.</p> <p>The school deserves a permanent home and the Police Station turns out to be an excellent, as well as, the only site appropriate to this end. I truly hope the alleged traffic and pollution concerns will not jeopardise the future of the school, children and the overall community as those issues have been clearly addressed by the school who has a car-free policy as well as by the Abacus families and the school staff who are committed not to drive to school. We happily walk every day to the school bus stop and we would continue to do so even if Abacus moved into the Police Station site. In addition, the fact that the building would be used for a school, it furthermore mitigates all those concerns (noisy, traffic and pollution) as its use will be limited to the daily school hours and to the terms dates. I can't think of a better use of this building than an outstanding state school for children.</p> <p>Abacus is an already existing high-quality and much-needed school for ensuring a secular state education for the local community of families who otherwise were used to be offered places from long distance non-religious school. The plan of turning the Police Station into Abacus primary school represents an unique opportunity to continue to provide such education to this young community of families.</p>
2019/2375/P	Sarah Quraishi	09/06/2019 21:15:13	SUPPRT	<p>Abacus Belsize is an OUTSTANDING school and has changed the life of so many families - please allow for full permission at the Old police station as it is managing out of temporary premises for so long - the staff are exceptional and the head teacher is visionary.</p> <p>The children are acutely concerned about the environment and will mostly walk or cycle to school - there is no danger of clogging up the local resources. The future of so many families and their children's education relies on this decision .</p>
2019/2375/P	Evelina Rosenstein	09/06/2019 20:49:06	SUPPRT	<p>I chose Abacus for my two boys because they offer something better than the few other non-religious state school in our area. Abacus is a great school comparable in their high standards to the best private schools in Hampstead. I'm usually comparing my son's school workbooks to friend's children who attend private schools.</p> <p>We will be taking the tube (2 mins walk from our flat) to get to the school, by far the quickest way to get to the police station.</p> <p>I want my children to have the best education possible and having been at Abacus I'm afraid that non of the other state schools in Camden can't compare, not only for the academic level but also for the respectful and friendly NON BULLYING environment which is a problem in schools like Primrose Hill and New End.</p>
2019/2375/P	Daniela	09/06/2019 20:34:39	COMMNT	<p>Please let's have Abacus, Belsize Park primary within walking distance for kids in Belsize Park. It's not fair on the kids to travel unnecessary by buses to different areas of London when local buildings are empty. Help local kids go to school locally and please place the school permanently at the former police station building.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Hila Yonas	06/06/2019 09:51:40	SUPPRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The limited use by the school, a few hours a day and with many holiday breaks throughout the year, will be a fraction of the use the building has had for 100 years as a Police Station – all day, everyday • The school has always had a car-free ethos. Staff, parents and their children are all committed to walking to school, or using public transport.
2019/2375/P	Adi Ben-Ari	06/06/2019 09:27:36	SUPPRT	<p>It is so important to give the community of Belsize park an equal opportunity to have a good school next to their home.</p> <p>Parents and children love and committed to walk to school. there is nothing better than start your day with a walk.</p> <p>The limited use by the school, a few hours a day and with many holiday breaks throughout the year, will be a fraction of the use the building has had for 100 years as a Police Station – all day, everyday</p>
2019/2375/P	Coll Kretz	08/06/2019 20:13:57	OBJ	<p>As a local resident very close to the building in question, I strongly oppose the establishment of a school in this building as it will directly adversely affect my quality of life.</p> <p>Abacus Belsize is a commuter school which is creating a new, unnecessary school run. It will increase noise and traffic congestion in Hampstead. At Hampstead Police Station, vehicle emissions are already above the government's legal 'safe' level. Rosslyn Hill suffers from terrible traffic jams on “school run” times, with stationary cars in traffic jams revving engines to restart up the hill, creating toxic fumes. This traffic blocks the roads for all residents and is of great detriments to local resident’s health and quality of life. Abacus Belsize has a 'car-free ethos'—but the school is not car free. Nothing will prevent car journeys to and from this school. The morning journeys will all be uphill, thereby maximizing the toxic emissions.</p> <p>Furthermore, there is no need for a new state primary school in Hampstead and Abacus Belsize primary school expressly excludes Hampstead children. In and around Hampstead and Belsize Park, there are already over 650 more primary school places than are needed. The school should find a site more close to it’s current site. The police station should be put to the use of the local community, and not commuters. Please DO NOT approve this application.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Christopher Moran	07/06/2019 13:03:10	OBJ	<p>The proposed Commercial Change of Use of the former Hampstead Police Station to development of the site as school will negatively affect the immediate area and Hampstead over all.</p> <p>The building is located at one of the busiest intersections in Hampstead. Morning and afternoon school runs and additional coaches will make it virtually impossible to enter or exit Hampstead via road during those hours. Fitzjohns Ave is chock-a-block with traffic during the morning and afternoon hours due to school runs. TFL bus stops on Hampstead High Street and Haverstock Hill are all ready used by coaches serving other neighborhood schools.</p> <p>Additional congestion will reduce timely emergency access to the Royal Free.</p> <p>Its preposterous to believe this proposal will somehow benefit existing local residents.</p> <p>I oppose this application for Commercial Change of Use and urge the Camden Planning Committee to reject the proposal.</p>
2019/2375/P	Oliver Hayes	10/06/2019 10:16:08	SUPPRT	<p>I fully support the application for the old Hampstead police station to be used as the new premises for Abacus primary school. Abacus has already existed for a number of years and has an excellent academic record as well as providing a loving and nurturing environment for its children. The argument that there should be no more new schools does not apply to the Abacus application. It already exists and considerable effort and time has been given to find a suitable site. The old Hampstead police station was the only suitable option. It is and always will be a single-form-entry school with a maximum of 210 pupils. Much consideration has been and will continue to be given to respect the listed building and its surrounding community.</p> <p>There is a big worry about more traffic if the application goes ahead, however the Abacus teachers, parents and their children are all committed to walking(including our family).</p> <p>Abacus is an excellent and much loved state primary school . The Abacus family of teachers, children and parents would be a real asset to any community.</p>
2019/2375/P	Guy Sella	10/06/2019 10:33:45	SUPPRT	I strongly support.

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2019/2375/P	Vadim Sobolevski	06/06/2019 15:29:33	SUPNOT	<p>I strongly support the Abacus application. I am puzzled that a debate about granting this permit even exists, considering that Belize Park does not have a SINGLE secular state school, and that no other site in the area can accommodate this school. Rated Outstanding by Ofsted, Abacus has a clear record of achievement. It should therefore be welcomed by the Council as an institution increasing the community's profile and benefiting its residents.</p> <p>Abacus' revised application, presented at the latest hearing, reflects the rigor and care that the school put into addressing all concerns and objections raised after the initial application, particularly, as relates to site structure, traffic, air/noise pollution, etc. Whereas the opponents continue to raise the same concerns and objections that were raised against the initial application, deliberately ignoring all the revisions:</p> <p>(I) objections regarding congestion and pollution are drawn based on experience with other PRIVATE schools, where many parents live far from school and are compelled to drive. This is clearly not the case with Abacus, which has a strict local catchment area.</p> <p>(II) objections that Belsize Park already has too many schools deliberately ignore the fact that there isn't a SINGLE non-private and non-religious school in BP.</p> <p>(III) objections that enrollment rates are falling in other public schools deliberately refer to CAMDEN broadly speaking, and ignore the utter absence of public schools in BP specifically.</p> <p>I urge the Council to ignore these objections as either based on false premises or introducing deliberate confusion into the debate.</p> <p>Furthermore, I am concerned about the deterioration of the Old Hampstead Police Station. Once an elegant building, it is turning into a dreadful site, due to lack of use. Our community should be ashamed at having this eyesore on our Main Street. We should allow Abacus to bring the building back to life by doing what it does best -- empowering our children.</p>

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2019/2375/P	ED Lehmann	09/06/2019 20:40:01	SUPNOT	<p>I write in support of the planning application by the Dept of Education on behalf of the CfBT Schools Trust</p> <p>The revised application addresses community concerns - traffic and noise - while providing a permanent home to educate and grow our most important asset: our children - who are our future</p> <p>I am a parent and my 2 children attend Abacus. A highly efficient and well run Camden bus service brings pupils to Abacus at the moment</p> <p>Abacus is a well-established school, which has rapidly become a highly popular and successful, over-subscribed school - rated "outstanding" by Ofsted</p> <p>Abacus is a remarkable school, providing excellent education. I am so grateful that my children can be part of such a warm, inclusive, environmentally friendly school</p> <p>Despite incorrect information - Abacus is, and always has been, a single-form-entry school with a maximum of 210 pupils. It is a small school, with a big future</p> <p>Abacus has been housed in temporary accommodation for 6 years - and yet delivers high quality education. It deserves a permanent home in a proper building</p> <p>There may be a number of schools in Hampstead, but most are either religious or private. There are not enough state-funded schools in the area</p> <p>Changing the use of the site from a police station to a one-form entry school for 210 pupils and a business/enterprise space would seem like an excellent use of the site not just for the pupils, but for the entire community</p> <p>Providing Abacus with a new home in the former police station can only be an asset for the community. The police station will make an ideal permanent home for the school</p> <p>It is not apparent what those who object to this change of use think should happen to the former police station, instead. Nothing? Luxury apartments?</p> <p>It is important to see a disused public building, remain a public building, for the benefit of the entire community. Abacus is committed to look after and maintain the listed building</p> <p>The application should be st</p>
2019/2375/P	Ashish Joshi	10/06/2019 09:13:44	NOBJ	<p>Abacus Belsize Primary school is an excellent no faith school and needs better infrastructure to support the growth of its pupil. The old police station building suits its requirement very well and it will be the best use of it.</p>

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2019/2375/P	ED Lehmann	09/06/2019 20:39:50	SUPNOT	<p>I write in support of the planning application by the Dept of Education on behalf of the CfBT Schools Trust</p> <p>The revised application addresses community concerns - traffic and noise - while providing a permanent home to educate and grow our most important asset: our children - who are our future</p> <p>I am a parent and my 2 children attend Abacus. A highly efficient and well run Camden bus service brings pupils to Abacus at the moment</p> <p>Abacus is a well-established school, which has rapidly become a highly popular and successful, over-subscribed school - rated "outstanding" by Ofsted</p> <p>Abacus is a remarkable school, providing excellent education. I am so grateful that my children can be part of such a warm, inclusive, environmentally friendly school</p> <p>Despite incorrect information - Abacus is, and always has been, a single-form-entry school with a maximum of 210 pupils. It is a small school, with a big future</p> <p>Abacus has been housed in temporary accommodation for 6 years - and yet delivers high quality education. It deserves a permanent home in a proper building</p> <p>There may be a number of schools in Hampstead, but most are either religious or private. There are not enough state-funded schools in the area</p> <p>Changing the use of the site from a police station to a one-form entry school for 210 pupils and a business/enterprise space would seem like an excellent use of the site not just for the pupils, but for the entire community</p> <p>Providing Abacus with a new home in the former police station can only be an asset for the community. The police station will make an ideal permanent home for the school</p> <p>It is not apparent what those who object to this change of use think should happen to the former police station, instead. Nothing? Luxury apartments?</p> <p>It is important to see a disused public building, remain a public building, for the benefit of the entire community. Abacus is committed to look after and maintain the listed building</p> <p>The application should be st</p>

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2019/2375/P	Samit parekh	09/06/2019 20:36:13	COMMNT	Great school filled with happy children. Deserves to have a permanent location
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2019/2375/P	Betsey Tsoi	08/06/2019 14:38:42	COMMNT	There are not enough schools that do not look at distance from school gate. We are currently in a location where it is almost impossible to get a spot to the closet schools by distance.
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2019/2375/P	Ivana Vranic MD	07/06/2019 21:39:53	SUPPLETTER	Abacus Belsize Primary School has been providing an outstanding education to date and to take that away from the community would be truly representing a damaging decision. Considering that this a state funded school with excellent teaching staff and results (see the performance score comparison against other state schools in Camden) it's one of the major council assets that should not be dismissed despite unfair lobbying from the local residents who are surrounded by expensive private primary schools in the area which are not providing the same level of community benefits. Therefore, I strongly support the planning permission for the permanent location to be enabled to our most junior Camden residents who are in greatest need for a long term opportunity to keep the Abacus Belsize Primary school and their teachers who they enjoy very, very much.
2019/2375/P	Harley	07/06/2019 18:46:10	SUPPRT	The school and the children would benefit from a permanent location.
2019/2375/P	David Booth	07/06/2019 09:47:04	COMMNT	The number of schoolchildren travelling into Hampstead from outside the town is already far too high. Virtually as many children go to school in Hampstead as the total no of inhabitants. As many travel by car, the vehicle emissions will increase further with this development. They are already far too high and above the government's safe level. Abacus primary should find a more suitable location in their catchment area and thus reduce travelling for the children. Indeed this should then enable them to encourage walking to school.
2019/2375/P	Yoav Ben-Ari	06/06/2019 09:35:14	SUPPRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The limited use by the school, a few hours a day and with many holiday breaks throughout the year, will be a fraction of the use the building has had for 100 years as a Police Station – all day, everyday • The school has always had a car-free ethos. Staff, parents and their children are all committed to walking to school, or using public transport.

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2019/2375/P	Simon	11/06/2019 00:49:47	SUPPRT	<p>I support this application. It seems much of the opposition is not based in facts.</p> <p>The building will be kept in public use if the planning permission is granted. The school have taken great care to make proposals to sensitively alter the building and staff feel privileged for the opportunity to teach 210 of our young community members there.</p> <p>The school has been established for 6 years already; hence concerns that approval of this planning application will impact surrounding schools is not accurate. The need for the school has already been proven to Camden and the school is admitting students from a catchment not well served by other Camden schools. Our family did not gain a place at other Camden schools as we were too far from them. The need for the school cannot be dismissed away as though it is not real. The existence of Abacus has provided equity by giving access to local, state funded education to our families.</p> <p>The school is truly committed to limiting car use. We live that vow in our daily journeys on foot to the bus stop. And the challenge of managing pollution in Camden is a shared one. Are our families not also residents of Camden? Some of us also work in Camden (Hampstead, in fact!) too. Abacus shouldn't be held as the scapegoat for all of the journeys made by all families in the local area on the school run. We need a collective approach that includes Abacus as a valued local school.</p> <p>Yes, the school is (just) outside catchment. But the walk to the school would be shorter even than the current walk to the bus stop for many. If a suitable building existed in catchment, it would have been used. The absence of such a site is the cause for the school being formed in the first place. As for the indignation about the school being out of catchment; at the developers forum, protesters admitted they didn't mind the school being out of area as long as it wasn't near to them. It feels like this undermines that argument. Thank you for consider</p>
2019/2375/P	Hannah Woodcock	10/06/2019 11:12:20	SUPPRT	<p>I wholeheartedly support the application for the Hampstead Police station to be used as the new site for Abacus primary school.</p> <p>I am a resident of Hampstead and have heard so many good things about the Abacus Primary school. This is a state primary school that provides excellent education and a nurturing environment for its children. I have first hand witnessed the very polite and cheerful behaviour of the children and also the parents and teachers that are fully committed to the children's education and well- being and therefore I have no worries that they will respect the building and the community beside it. It is a great example of how state education should be and therefore should be fully supported by the community.</p>
2019/2375/P	Carmel Dennehy	08/06/2019 18:24:05	SUPPRT	I fully support the schools move to Hampstead. Such a school is ultimately needed in the area.
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2019/2375/P	Laura Rey Portela	07/06/2019 18:54:32	COMMNT	<p>Abacus is not only an excellent school but also the only option for parents looking for a secular education for their children. Having a school in the area that is so well valued can only bring positive things for the community. The police station structure will be preserved and it will be fantastic to see the building come alive again with children learning. I can not see any other use to this building that will enrich the community more.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Rory Parle	10/06/2019 10:56:31	SUPPRT	I support the development of this site to provide a much needed new primary school for the area.
2019/2375/P	Sara	10/06/2019 09:28:20	COMMNT	<p>Would be great to have a non specific religion based school, one that makes beautiful use of the heath for the future of our children. Forward thinking schools are the way to produce intelligent, confident children to adults. First years education is very important. Why leave a massive empty building wasting away. Abacus has a great ethos and I would love to see children flourish there.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Karen	09/06/2019 22:10:38	SUPPEMAIL	I fully support Abacus moving into this listed building in Hampstead. Although the school's catchment is in Belsize Park and the building is out of their catchment, it is certainly only under 15-minute walk— far better than if Belsize residents got into non-faith schools such as New End (over 25 minutes to walk) or George Elliot (which is in another borough and over 40 minutes). The school itself has already formed a community that this building is one of the available sites that would fit into legal and architectural needs— I'm sure over the 10 years they have searched numerous times but found buildings unfit. With no-driving-to-school policy, as well as the Belsize students are just nearby under 15 minutes, it's faster to walk than driving in face of London's busy travel and private school's commute. The school has already been assessed and it is an outstanding school. I also like how they would want to protect part of the heritage of this listed building as well as their intention for business use. We definitely needs a non-faith state schools like Abacus.
2019/2375/P	Juleka begum	06/06/2019 23:04:01	COMMNT	Yes great it should go ahead
2019/2375/P	Esther Jeapes	07/06/2019 16:19:40	OBJLETTE R	I strongly object to the old police station being used as a new school. this is because (a) there is no need for a new school in the area. The existing state primary schools are undersubscribed and are consequently suffering loss of income. My son attended New end until last year and we know that the Reception has 30% fewer children for the sept 2018 than the year before. This is due to long term demographic trends exacerbated by Brexit. New End is a really good local and inclusive school with great teachers with a diverse intake. It would be wrong to allow a selective state school to open in the area. This would create unfair competition for New End and the other non selective state primaries in the area. It would also be a massive waste of existing resources. (b) the current pupils of Abacus come from near Kings Cross and would have to travel a long way to get to Rosslyn Hill. Despite what the Abacus head teacher says it is very difficult to get parents to walk to school or take public transport. Just look at the failure in this regard of the schools located in Hampstead. As soon as it rains or parents are late for school they will use their cars to drive to school.
2019/2375/P	Tayah Selvam	10/06/2019 23:37:45	SUPPRT	Abacus is a well established school which has unfortunately been in temporary accommodation for the last 6 years. It is a single form entry with only 210 pupils. The Hampstead Police Station would be a great place for the student and will be made the best of for this purpose.
2019/2375/P	Linda Levine	10/06/2019 22:42:18	SUPPEMAIL	I am in full support of the planning permission application. I raised my son in Belsize Park and only wish there had been a school like Abacus at the time. There are no secular, non-private schools in the ward yet many families who want their children to attend one and are forced to send them elsewhere in the borough. Abacus has a thriving community around it and the plans to make a permanent home in the old police station are a fantastic way to bring an empty building back into good use. Having a school in the building is far better than the alternatives, such as more flats, and will cause far less disruption to the local area than if it were to become residential accommodation or retail or office space.
2019/2375/P	Chevy	06/06/2019 12:30:45	SUPPRT	It is important to have a permanent locations because it's make it easier for parents and children when coming to the school.
2019/2375/P	Ian Chandler	06/06/2019 23:22:25	NOBJ	I have no objection to the change of status for the site enabling the school being established on this site permanently, it is an asset to the community, school has an excellent reputation, change of status would enable the school to build on and enhance this reputation with both the community and students

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2019/2375/P	shahela rani	06/06/2019 23:13:08	COMMNT	yes great, go ahead
2019/2375/P	Gianni Quintavalle	05/06/2019 10:43:08	INT	I am deeply concerned for the effect on pollution of an area that is already above the government 'safe' levels. I leave in Hampstead and my children are already exposed, daily, to the effect of traffic congestion in Rosslyn Hill. The development will affect Hampstead children, but the school itself, I understand, is expressly excluding Hampstead children.
2019/2375/P	Talya	10/06/2019 10:33:45	SUPPRT	I support
2019/2375/P	George Alexandridis	10/06/2019 10:12:13	SUPPRT	<p>This is in support of the school's application. It is probably the most well established school in the area, consistently rated outstanding and it has already been in temporary accomodation for 6 years. We have visited a number of local schools and the work being done at Abacus is truly exeptional. For our family and friends, potential rejection of the application will be absolutely detrimental.</p> <p>It seems that all previous grounds for objection have been overcome and the school will make an ideal user of this listed building - and for much fewer hours than the building has had for 100 years as a police station. Walking to the school which we are committed to doing will also support the environment and not contribute further to congestion. Overall, this planning application seems good for the building, the school and the community and a large number of our friends and family residing locally consider this very important for the future of their families and local area.</p>
2019/2375/P	Hedzer de Haan	06/06/2019 12:03:18	SUPPRT	<p>It will be great to have a cfbt single form entry school in the heart of Belsize in the beautiful unused old Police Station.</p> <p>The school is Outstanding and has great award winning teachers.</p> <p>It will bring life to this historic building with pupils arriving by foot, bicycle or public transport - the new metropolitan way of getting around!</p>

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2019/2375/P	Marco Pontin	09/06/2019 21:12:56	SUPPRT	<p>Abacus is a fantastic school getting children to love to go to school while getting them to learn with curiosity, interest and care for the environment and people.</p> <p>I can't see a better use for the ex police station that would contribute to the well being of our local community than to make it a school as great as Abacus. Abacus is already a successful school contributing to Camden, it has proven how good it is and how it greatly helps shape our children.</p> <p>We are a non religious family, and we struggled so much to decide where to put our children (currently yr 4 and 1). We were about to move out of Camden because of the lack of suitable school options. We wanted a caring, nurturing school, with a modern approach to teaching. We visited other schools and they were all to set in their manners and when I asked for example how they taught Maths, if they looked at other countries like Singapore? I got answers quite similar, that they are teaching Maths as they have been doing for a long time. The spirit of benchmarking themselves to seek better ways of teaching and getting children involved was completely lacking.</p> <p>In terms of making changes to the building it's part of a community that evolves. Haussmann when he transformed Paris, imagine if he had been blocked we would still have the old Paris...</p> <p>You have a big responsibility in deciding the future of more than 100 families in the area. We hope you don;t block such a great project for the sake of some votes of people in Hampstead who may be initaly upset but once the school settles in I'm confident they will adapt to the change.</p>
2019/2375/P	Amani Said	09/06/2019 20:39:23	COMMNT	<p>The reason we would like our children school to be moved is because will make it easier for the family to pick and drop them. Also will put our mind on ease because our child has a major allergy and asthma and she can require a real need to medical attention. For that reason we strongly support the move.</p>
2019/2375/P	Amani Said	09/06/2019 20:39:21	COMMNT	<p>The reason we would like our children school to be moved is because will make it easier for the family to pick and drop them. Also will put our mind on ease because our child has a major allergy and asthma and she can require a real need to medical attention. For that reason we strongly support the move.</p>
2019/2375/P	Max Michelson	06/06/2019 12:32:50	COMMNT	<p>I have two children in Abacus school, to be able to walk them to this premises would be of huge benefit not only to us but the whole area. It will be a pleasure to see such a large, and currently disused, building being of use to the general community.</p> <p>Abacus school has been a blessing for our children, it is a genuinely wonderful school with dedicated staff, and should be wholeheartedly supported.</p>
2019/2375/P	Vanessa Shepherd burns	06/06/2019 12:19:52	SUPPRT	<p>Abacus Belsize is a wonderful school that require a permanent base. The old police station would not only make an ideal location but breath life into an unused building. The area as a whole will benefit. It is important to the children and staff and parents to have security that this school will have a permanent location.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Harriet Nowell-Smith	09/06/2019 20:23:23	COMMNT	<p>Dear Committee members, I am a local resident and the Chair of Governors at Abacus. I'm delighted that we have this school for Camden residents and hope very much that you will permit it to build a permanent home.</p> <p>When my daughter was born in 2008, we soon heard about the lack of school places in this part of the borough. Like other parents, we worried for years. The lack of secular school places appalled me so deeply I suggested making an application under the new rules for academies when they came in. Our fears were well-founded - our daughter didn't get a place anywhere for Reception 2012.</p> <p>The situation is so much better now that we have Abacus. It has been going for six years and is educating local children beautifully. It is a real asset for our community, a truly local school where children learn with their neighbours and families get to know and support each other. Please help it find a permanent site within walking distance of where the pupils live.</p>
2019/2375/P	Jamil Khan	09/06/2019 14:53:42	NOBJ	I totally support this, and am happy for the planning t be approved.
2019/2375/P	Catherine Powell	08/06/2019 14:27:44	INT	I strongly support the relocation of Abacus Belsize Primary school to this location. Children are the lifeblood of this community and we support all commitment to education.
2019/2375/P	Oranit Berger	08/06/2019 14:15:44	COMMNT	<p>The school has been in temporary premise for too long.</p> <p>We all commit to not drive - but walk.</p> <p>It was a police station - way more active then a school.</p>
2019/2375/P	Montserrat Perez	08/06/2019 07:54:13	SUPPRT	<p>I understand the concerns of local residents regarding increased congestion in the área, however, the plight of parents trying to get their children in local state schools due to scarcity of places available, weighs more in my mind.</p> <p>I hope the school has a strong walk to school policy to stop 210 parents from driving up to the school gates twice a day.</p>
2019/2375/P	Nina sahebkar	08/06/2019 01:09:32	SUPPEMPE R	<p>Im totally in favour of using this building as a school, serving the community, there are many schools in hampstead but not so many good public schools, most of them are over subscribed.</p> <p>Any noise relating to children noise brings just live into the neighbourhood and should not be seen as a reason to complain. And quite frankly most people are local and not driving a car. It is mostly the private parents driving their children with their cars and polluting...thanks</p>
2019/2375/P	Anne-Marie Munteanu	07/06/2019 23:19:20	SUPPRT	I support this planning application as I strongly believe local children and their families need a local school that is non religious and that is free. The majority of the schools in Hampstead are either religious or private and an alternative option is much needed, Abacus school offers this alternative. Abacus is already an established and much loved school amongst local families.

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