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To: Fowler, David [REDACTED]
Subject: Hampstead Police Station ref: 2019/2375/P

Dear Mr Fowler

I am a local resident and I am both surprised and alarmed by the re-application to develop Hampstead Police Station as a school. An application which was unanimously rejected the last time Abacus applied for planning. That it should now be reconsidered despite none of the reasons for its previous rejection having changed, except that they are proposing initially a smaller school, is most worrying.

Hampstead is a conservation area and the Police Station is of historic and architectural interest. It was never designed to accommodate so many people and would require substantial alterations which may never fully provide the facilities required by a school.

The Police Station is located on a very busy and dangerous road where pollution is already unacceptably high and although Abacus maintain that the pupils will walk to and from school this will of course not be enforceable and since the school is intended for children from another educational catchment area we also know this will not be the case.

Abacus is a business, it is not concerned the well being of children.

Children who are not local and will have to travel some distance to a school on a busy and polluted corner, there is no real outside space and it is surrounded by residential housing that can reasonably request that the noise levels be controlled, not something that is easy to do with children.

These children deserve better and there are better options available which Abacus seem determined to ignore.

I sincerely hope that my concerns and those of other local Hampstead residents will be taken into consideration and that you will again refuse this application.

Yours sincerely

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