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Cc: Planning [REDACTED]
Subject: Planning Application 2019/2375/P
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Sunday, 9th June 2019 - pm

Dear Mr. Fowler,

re: Planning Application 2019/2375/P

I write in support of this planning application by the Dept of Education on behalf of the CfBT Schools Trust.

I have tried three times this weekend to upload my comments at the Camden Planning website, but each time get a "Server Error in '/Northgate/PlanningExplorer' Application."

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.

I am a parent and my two children attend Abacus. A highly efficient and well run Camden bus service brings pupils to Abacus at the moment.

Abacus is a well-established school, which has rapidly become a highly popular and successful, over-subscribed school - rated "outstanding" by Ofsted.

Abacus is a remarkable school, providing excellent education. I am grateful that my children can be part of such a warm, inclusive, environmentally friendly school.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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?

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.

The application should be strongly supported.

I am happy to answer any questions should the need arise, and would be grateful to be informed of the committee hearing date/time/venue.

Thanking you for your kind assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. E.D. Lehmann

