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To: Fowler, David [REDACTED]

Subject: 2019/2375/P

Dear Mr Fowler

I am writing to object to this planning application by the Abacus School. The main reasons for this are:

Wrong location - The proposed site for the Abacus Belsize is at the extreme edge of the catchment area. This makes it inevitable that more children will be driven to and from the school than if it were sited closer to the centre of the catchment area. There are more appropriate sites available in Belsize Park.

Camden policy - Camden planning policy specifically forbids new schools in Hampstead unless it can be demonstrated that the number of traffic movements will not increase.

Traffic - Abacus Belsize proposal would increase car traffic in Hampstead. Abacus Belsize has a 'car-free ethos' but the school would not be car free. Based on experience of other schools with a similar ethos there would still be a significant increase in traffic and congestion at one of the busiest junctions in Hampstead.

Pollution - At the proposed site of the old Hampstead Police Station vehicle emissions are already significantly above the government's safe level. Camden should be taking steps to reduce this rather than sanctioning yet another school run in the area.

Yours sincerely
Linda Parsonage

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