

**From:** Robbie Wick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 June 2019 14:54  
**To:** Fowler, David [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Abacus Belsize Park Free School.

Dear Mr. Fowler,

Thank you for your email of the 20<sup>th</sup> May re Abacus school, reference No. 2019/2375/P.

I would like to register my serious objection to the Abacus Primary school being located in the Hampstead Police Station. My reasons are as follows:

The area suffers pollution that is already above the National Air Quality Objectives for NO2 toxic concentrations and small particulates.  
Another school with add extra traffic and pollution to the area which has already 37 schools. The traffic is horrendous during school rush hours and NICE (the National Institute for Clinical Excellence) has called for a halt to new schools on main roads. The proposed site is on a main highway in the middle of an already highly congested residential area. The noise, pollution and congestion will be intolerable and unhealthy for elderly residents such as ourselves. My husband is severely disabled and our driveway is frequently blocked by parents dropping children at a local school, making our access impossible.

There is no need for another school in Hampstead as the local state schools have more primary school places than are needed. Moreover, at a time when state schools are under enormous financial pressure, Abacus is projected to be the most expensive free primary school ever built in the UK.  
This cannot be the best solution for Hampstead schoolchildren who are excluded from Abacus' catchment area anyway.

Please pass my objections onwards.

Many thanks,

Regards,

Roberta Wick

**From:** Fowler, David [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 May 2019 10:41  
**To:** Robbie Wick  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Abacus Belsize Park Free School.

Dear Ms Wick,

The Abacus application has now come in – I said I'd let you know. The reference number is 2019/2375/P. The drawings and documents are all on our [website](#). Please let me know if you have any comments.

Regards,

David

David Fowler  
Principal Planner



**From:** Robbie Wick [redacted]  
**Sent:** 20 February 2019 08:23  
**To:** Fowler, David [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Abacus Belsize Park Free School.

Dear Mr Fowler,

Thank you very much for your reply, it is good to know that our Council are taking our concerns seriously.

Kind regards,

Roberta Wick

**From:** Fowler, David [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 February 2019 09:15  
**To:** Robbie Wick; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Allott, Dawn  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Abacus Belsize Park Free School.

Dear Ms Wick,

Thank you for your email and for your comments. We (Camden Council) have not received a planning application yet for the new school, although this is expected soon. The actual timeframe depends on the applicant.

Once we receive the application we will erect site notices and publish press notices to advertise the application.

I will let you know when we receive the application and we will be accepting objections then.

Kind regards,

David

David Fowler  
Principal Planner



**From:** Robbie Wick [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 12 February 2019 12:47

**To:** Fowler, David [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Objection to Abacus Belsize Park Free School.

Dear Mr Fowler, Mr. Hinds and Ms Siddiq,

As a local resident I would like register my serious objection to Abacus Belsize Primary school being located in Hampstead Police Station. I fully support the objections raised by Camden Planning, I do not object to the school itself, only the proposed new location.

My objections are as follows:-

There are already 37 schools in Hampstead, with over 10,000 pupils. That is far more than most areas and more than sufficient. The local state primary schools have falling numbers and demand for local free school places is declining. Moreover, Hampstead is outside the catchment area for Abacus.

My husband is severely disabled and our driveway is frequently completely blocked by parents dropping children at a local school. In cases where the emergency services may be required, this presents a nightmare. The claim that children attending Abacus will never be driven to school is absurd. At the recent Public Meeting the car park was completely occupied by parents.

The local traffic is already heavily congested and the air pollution in this area is extremely high, so bringing in yet another school can only make matters infinitely worse. We dread to imagine 200 (or eventually 400) more children on bicycles or scooters, plus parents with push-chairs, on surrounding pavements. It will become impossible for the elderly to walk with safety. The noise from the school and the pollution from the traffic will get significantly worse. This will be totally detrimental to the area and particularly unhealthy for elderly residents like ourselves.

There is an extreme shortage of accommodation for medical staff and nurses at the Royal Free Hospital and the Police Station could well be used for this purpose.

I also object to the vast and unnecessary amount of public money envisaged for this project, which would be better spent improving existing local, undersubscribed schools.

Yours sincerely,

Roberta Wick  
[REDACTED]

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