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2019/2375/P	Tom Rhodes	14/06/2019 17:47:04	APP	<p>As a former community hub, the police station makes the perfect site for Abacus. The scale of the building lends itself to education and what could be more important than educating children?</p> <p>The children and parents of the Abacus community are extremely keen to have a home for their wonderful school and this site is the most appropriate in the area. Another primary school is much needed - our own daughter could not get a place in her first two choices and we now feel incredibly fortunate that she went to Abacus.</p> <p>In years to come Hampstead and Belsize residents will be just as proud as us parents of being associated with Abacus - it is a school fast gaining a reputation for offering a superb all round education.</p> <p>We have never driven to the school bus - our joy in the morning is joining the other Belsize parents on their walk. It is healthy, it reinforces our community, especially when we are 'homeless' and is something parents and children alike will continue to do in the new home.</p> <p>There is no better site in Camden for this wonderful school and our children deserve a settled, established, space that this former police station would offer.</p>
2019/2375/P	Adam Stevens	14/06/2019 21:23:30	COMMNT	<p>Having a quality school in the area that allows families who can't afford private school to give their children a great education, is not only logical but also very inline with what I've come to expect from Camden. I don't think any counter argument can be used against the positive value this school will bring to the area. Our children deserve an equal chance at education.</p>
2019/2375/P	Laurence Foster	16/06/2019 08:20:38	SUPPRT	<p>Nothing better to have a non-faith state schools in the Belsize area. Because of the catchment, the nearest non-faith schools that we were being allocated to were New End (45 minutes walk for us) as well George Elliot and Robinsfield (also 30-45 minutes walk in another borough). Abacus offers a great choice for us, and the police station is only 10 minutes walk from us. Abacus is also an outstanding school so I believe that the educators there have devoted and done very best to provide opportunities for the children. I support abacus moving to the police station fully.</p>
2019/2375/P	Renee Danziger	15/06/2019 09:05:45	COMMNT	<p>I object to this proposed use of the property on the grounds that (1) there are more than enough primary school in the area; (2) that regardless of current intentions (which I'm sure are sincere), parents will end up driving children to and from school thereby increasing already problematic pollution levels and congestion; and (2) that the area would benefit more if the premises were used for other purposes that would benefit the whole community, including the less well-off, such as affordable housing or facilities for youth groups.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Oleg Vorobeichik	14/06/2019 11:15:05	SUPPRT	<p>We are local residents and strongly support the planning application. We believe that the community as a whole would derive significant benefits from the conversion of the building to a public school due to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a huge need for more schools in the area. By not providing the necessary supply, the local council risks driving away young families, in an area that has already been undergoing a significant ageing of its local population. This can potentially hurt the vibrancy and vitality of the local area, undermining local economy and the health of its high streets and small businesses that rely heavily on the consumption habits of young families. 2. Most alternative uses of the subject building, whether its residential or offices, will result in a small group of privileged residents benefiting from the building. The public won't be deriving any benefits in such case. Moreover, these uses will require car parking spaces and will generate a constant usage of cars throughout the day. 3. Having a school in the subject building would encourage a whole range of public uses post school hours, such as classes, art exhibitions and recreational activities to the benefit of all local residents. 4. Some objectors claim that a police station has to be restored in the building. They are ignoring the fact that the police have been scaling down on their estate holdings and gradually selling their assets for the last 5 years. Local councils cannot reverse that process and cannot make the police come back to the building. 5. Most of the objectors raise increased traffic as their main concern. Firstly, local councils have a wide range of means to prevent that from happening via parking restrictions. The council can introduce restrictions on the school to maintain a 'no drop-off' policy. Secondly, the objectors disregard the fact that most local young families don't use cars for school drop-offs, rather opt for walking or using local transport.
2019/2375/P	R Callow	15/06/2019 20:29:12	SUPPRT	<p>I write to wholeheartedly support the application for the Hampstead Police Station to be given a much needed new lease of life as the permanent home of Abacus School.</p> <p>I note with interest that much of the debate appears to centre around whether another school should exist in NW3 but surely this is not a planning matter especially when Abacus is already a highly regarded NW3 school. As an existing school Abacus has already demonstrated its commitment to a car free policy and in fact being able to have a permanent home is highly likely to endorse this further as local families will be able to easily walk to school..This is the perfect site for an amazing school, please do not allow it to continue to sit empty and fall into further disrepair any longer.</p>
2019/2375/P	Dian Qu	17/06/2019 03:10:55	COMNOT	<p>I cannot imagine how much more chaotic the adjacent roads would be with this change, as the traffic is already very bad during the rush hours around school drop off and pickup in the narrow streets, even on Hampstead High Street and Rosslyn Hill.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Dana Elman Vishkin	14/06/2019 13:21:34	SUPPEMAI L	I support the change of use of the site from a police station (sui generis) to a one-form entry school (Use Class D1). I live in Hillfield Court and have a 3.5 year old son who will hopefully go to Abacus in a year from now. We are atheists and cannot afford private schools. It is crucial for us to have a non-private school that is not affiliated with a specific religion in Belsize Park.
2019/2375/P	Dr Rachel Sacks	14/06/2019 16:32:26	OBJ	I would like to be notified of the committee date please 1) This proposal is for a "commuter school" which will be the reality regardless of school travel policies given that the catchment is 1-2 miles from the school location. This will be the reality regardless of assurances from the school about their travel policies etc 2) the school does not benefit local residents as they are excluded from its catchment 3) at the same time, they will endure the burden of additional traffic congestion and commuter pollution 4) it is offensive that the school thinks the surrounding air will be good enough for local residents when it wont be good enough for their pupils - putting in air purifiers.
2019/2375/P	Colin	15/06/2019 21:22:54	COMMNT	I object because this area already has terrible traffic problems at school arrival and departure times.
2019/2375/P	Jaime pham	15/06/2019 11:18:46	COMMNT	The school is necessary in an oversubscribed area of London
2019/2375/P	Maya Stevens	14/06/2019 21:05:59	COMMNT	We live in Belsize Park and have a 1 year old. This is quite an affluent area but we cannot afford sending her to a Private School like a lot of people who live here. Having a quality Public school such as Abacus within walkable distance is something that is currently a big gap in Camden and that is absolutely necessary to the future of non affluent families of the area.