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2019/2375/P	Kristina Xavier	11/06/2019 09:44:23	COMMNT	I believe Abacus Primary school will make a very positive contribution to the Belsize Park community. The school is already well-established and achieving remarkable results. Any prior objections have been taken into consideration, meaning that the school will remain a single form entry school with a car-free ethos, therefore not bringing further congestion to the local community. I fully support Abacus in its proposed location.
2019/2375/P	zubeen khan	11/06/2019 09:11:41	SUPPRT	This building has been earmarked as a school for many years and our family feel it would be a welcome addition to the neighbourhood. We have young children and are researching all the schools in the area and have realised that spaces are scarce. Schools are oversubscribed and you have to live within a 50m radius in order to be considered. Education is fundamental for all children's foundations and this school is outstanding. Currently children have to get on a bus to travel. These excess emissions are unnecessary. The shops and businesses in hampstead/belsize will thrive from this school. We fully support this move and would welcome Abacus with open arms.
2019/2375/P	Jill Whiteley	12/06/2019 13:10:05	SUPPRT	<p>I write as a former long-term resident of Belsize Park, and as a governor and one of the co-founders of Abacus.</p> <p>I fully support the change of use of the old Hampstead Police Station to become the permanent home of Abacus Belsize Primary School. This renewed application deals sympathetically with the heritage objections raised in the previous application and constitutes a respectful restoration of the building and its surroundings, given its location in Zone 2.</p> <p>Since opening in September 2013, this Ofsted outstanding secular state school has thrived, despite the challenges of spending six years in temporary accommodation. It is acknowledged by LB Camden as an essential part of the educational landscape, included in its place planning, and ranks highly in the borough's attainment tables.</p> <p>This is not the creation or expansion of a new school or a commuter school. It is an application for the revival of a neglected public building as a permanent home for a popular, high-attaining, local state primary school to allow it to continue to serve the Belsize 'black hole' community for which it was created.</p> <p>Abacus has always had a walk-to-school ethos and each year as the school has grown in reputation and popularity, the number of admissions from within catchment area has increased, meaning that more and more children will really be able to walk to school. Contrary to objections, this supports Camden's policy to reduce traffic and pollution.</p>
2019/2375/P	Mrs Helen Levine	11/06/2019 22:05:55	SUPPEMAIL	<p>I am in full support of the planning application and think giving Abacus Belsize primary school a permanent home in the former police station is a very good idea.</p> <p>The school is, has always been and will remain one-form-entry. There are no other suitable sites in the Belsize ward or elsewhere.</p> <p>The school has been graded Ofsted outstanding.</p> <p>There are no other secular, free, outstanding schools in the ward.</p> <p>The school is heavily oversubscribed and giving it a permanent home will cement its popularity.</p> <p>Awarding Abacus Belsize primary school a proper, permanent home in the now defunct police station will prove that Camden really is committed to improving the lives of its young people.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Meir Hakkak	12/06/2019 23:11:28	OBJEMAIL	<p>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</p> <p>2) the school does not benefit local residents as they are excluded from its catchment</p> <p>3) at the same time, they will endure the burden of additional congestion and commuter pollution</p> <p>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.</p>
2019/2375/P	Davide Casarini	11/06/2019 20:43:37	NOBJ	<p>Abacus is a wonderful school providing care and outstanding quality of education. The teachers and community of parents and children are the school's strength and our daughter thrives every daY. Our younger daughter is looking forward to starting reception soon! We walk to the bus stop every day and the distance to school is similar- we don't own a car.</p>
2019/2375/P	nicolas allano	11/06/2019 18:23:05	SUPPRT	<p>I have already 1 kid in abacus and my second one will join this year in September.</p> <p>I strongly support that abacus get the permission for many reasons :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it is the only non private non faith school in that area, so personally it was my only non private alternative. - it is rated outstanding and therefore it always benefit the area to have good schools. - currently there is a bus used and some people send their kids by car, while proximity will enable people to walk instead. - Belsize park is a lively area because families are living in it, it is very natural that people support positively this planning permission.
2019/2375/P	Danielle Litterick (Chair of Governors,Fitzjohn 's Primary School)	11/06/2019 15:08:33	OBJ	<p>We are writing to you about the proposed site of the Abacus School in the the former police station on Rosslyn Hill. We wish to raise an objection to the siting of the school. When the proposal to set up a Free School in Belsize Park was first raised years ago, it was supposedly to cover a gap in the community school provision in Belsize Park. This was because there were no non-faith based schools in Belsize Park.</p> <p>While this proposal may have been well-intentioned, the site now identified for the school is not actually in the underserved area. It is in Hampstead, where there are already two non-faith based schools, providing 90 places per year to the local community. These schools are Fitzjohn's Primary (one-form entry) and New End Primary (two-form entry). Both Fitzjohn's Primary and New End Primary have vacancies on their rolls. As a result, introducing Abacus at the police station site will a) not serve the intended purpose of bringing a non-faith based school to an underserved area; b) create an excess service provision in a time of receding budgets; and c) cannibalise the student rolls of both Fitzjohn's and New End, leading to diminishing populations and consequent funding problems at both.</p> <p>In conclusion, the proposed new free school will impose a burden on council tax payers to support the site while at the same time not achieving its original objective.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Cesar de Oliveira	11/06/2019 10:10:10	COMMNT	I support this application because it is an outstanding school that serves greatly the local community.
2019/2375/P	Joanna Young	11/06/2019 12:18:47	SUPPRT	<p>I support this application wholeheartedly. A state school of this size, which has committed to being a 'walking' school, will not generate a significantly larger traffic or congestion problem than a police station, which the building was for decades. The plans submitted have been carefully designed to meet the specific needs of educational use. There is robust demonstrable need for the school, which is already open in temporary premises and serving local families. In my view, the council should be enthusiastically supporting a venture of this kind, which brings a positive and valuable community use back to a high street from which non-profit, community-focused organisations have all but disappeared in recent years, lost in favour of almost exclusively national and international commercial retail ventures.</p> <p>This is a non fee-paying school, both established by and serving the local community and this planning application deserves our support.</p>
2019/2375/P	Joanna Young	11/06/2019 12:18:31	SUPPRT	<p>I support this application wholeheartedly. A state school of this size, which has committed to being a 'walking' school, will not generate a significantly larger traffic or congestion problem than a police station, which the building was for decades. The plans submitted have been carefully designed to meet the specific needs of educational use. There is robust demonstrable need for the school, which is already open in temporary premises and serving local families. In my view, the council should be enthusiastically supporting a venture of this kind, which brings a positive and valuable community use back to a high street from which non-profit, community-focused organisations have all but disappeared in recent years, lost in favour of almost exclusively national and international commercial retail ventures.</p> <p>This is a non fee-paying school, both established by and serving the local community and this planning application deserves our support.</p>
2019/2375/P	Amelia Suchy	12/06/2019 14:06:17	NOBJ	I know many families in Hampstead that would welcome a non-denominational state school. We considered sending our children there but the current location in Kings Cross and pickups at Swiss Cottage for the bus just weren't conducive for us and our daily commutes. I think this will cut down on traffic because many people at the school are in the catchment or close too and are now able to walk to school or take the bus. It's a great school and they should be apart of the community.
2019/2375/P	Savina Sibert	11/06/2019 10:57:50	NOOBJEMPER	Abacus Belsize Primary School is an asset to the community. The school has existed for 6 years and has many happy families who depend on it. The building would provide a permanent home.
2019/2375/P	Wei Yi Shen	11/06/2019 10:54:32	COMMNT	<p>We have lived in the NW3 area for over 10 years. We are fully supportive of the school application. The education use of this site is a worthwhile use and a great reflection of the community value.</p> <p>We need to build our next generation and this diverse and outstanding school offers mandarin as second language is the only free school available in the area.</p> <p>Whilst the concerns from the neighbors are understandable but these should be balance against the benefits the school brings to our next generation. Further, such concerns are being addressed by the school's walking ethos and other measures of noise controlling. We should actively discuss measures to address concerns and reach constructive compromises, not road block our youth's future.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Charbonnier	12/06/2019 20:51:04	SUPPRT	There is a need for schools in the area
2019/2375/P	Sharon Lilienthal	12/06/2019 11:53:20	PETITNSUP P	I think this school will be a valuable addition to NW3
2019/2375/P	Oleg Fedulin	12/06/2019 11:46:37	SUPPRT	I fully support this change of use for the old Hampstead Police Station. Abacus is a well-established outstanding school that needs to find its permanent home as soon as possible, as it has been in its temporary accommodation for six years. The application clearly shows that this listed building will be restored and respected.
2019/2375/P	Natalia Fedulina	12/06/2019 11:34:35	SUPPRT	I fully support Abacus School for this proposed change of use. The need for a secular primary school in Belsize Park is clear. Abacus is a well-established and outstanding school that needs to move into its permanent home.
2019/2375/P	Ezequiel Vidra	12/06/2019 08:06:57	SUPPLET TER	As a local resident, I am fully supportive of this permanent home for an Outstanding school for the neighbourhood. This is vital for the long-term vibrancy of the community.
2019/2375/P	Edwina	11/06/2019 21:06:11	SUPPLET TER	Abacus is a much needed school. It's already doing incredibly well and would be a huge asset to Hampstead. The police station has not been used for far too long and in this climate it might only attract the wrong attention but how correct to turn it into a place of excellent education and wellbeing. Abacus is a new exciting school that will attract the right attention. Children are the future and the future must be embraced in order for society to progress.
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2019/2375/P	Mrs mandy simpson	11/06/2019 11:27:34	SUPPRT	As a parent of a year one girl at Abacus (and soon to be parent of a reception sibling), I am in full support of our school moving to its permanent home at the former police station. My reasons are as follows; it's an outstanding school, its non- religious and our home falls within the catchment area. I've lived in Belsize park for the last 10 years. Our home is outside the catchment of the following state schools- Fleet Primary (furthest distance intake for year 2016 was 800 metres measured from the schools centre), Fitzjohns, Gospel Oak, Christchurch and New End. My husband and I didn't want to send our children to a Roman Catholic school so that rules out The Rosary and St Dominic. These reasons demonstarate the reason why the schools founders set up Abacus in the first place and why we need a permanent home. A need for a non religious, state primary school, that serves the families that live in the 'black hole' streets between Swiss Cottage, hampstead and Belsize Park. We are committed to being a walking school. Our kids have a right to be able to walk to an outstanding primary education school. Thankyou.
2019/2375/P	Rachel	12/06/2019 20:59:40	SUPPRT	Wonderful school and etos. We need more public schools like Abacus in the area. Nit only privet or religious ones.
2019/2375/P	Shelly Azouri	12/06/2019 20:59:10	SUPPRT	A school like Abacus is much needed in Belsize park
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2019/2375/P	Maya Zimerman	13/06/2019 21:53:33	SUPPRT	Abacus is a wonderful school, and so needed in the area. There are no public non-religious schools in Belsize Park, as all other schools are private. It's a small and intimate one-entry form school that should move to its permanant place at the Old Police Station on Haverstick Hill. This bueatiful and historical building will remain in public ownership this way. All families are arriving by foot as being very local and easy to commute before and after drop-off - Belsize Park tube station is minutes away. It is time for Abacus Belsize Primary School to move to its permanent place after six years of temporary accommodation.
2019/2375/P	Claire Aboody	12/06/2019 19:31:34	SUPPRT	there's a need for a secular state school in the area, Abacus is an excellent school, Abacus should get a permanent building and the former police station is an ideal location for that
2019/2375/P	Carole snow	12/06/2019 18:23:03	PETITNSUP P	I strongly support the Proposed new use of the old police station . We need more schools now than ever wonderful location for young minds to grow
2019/2375/P	Adam Ohlson	12/06/2019 18:20:56	COMMNT	Abacus is an excellent school and there's a need for a secular state school in the area.

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2019/2375/P	Anna Zgorelec	12/06/2019 15:46:16	SUPPRT	<p>I would like to register my support for this planning application to change the police station into a new site for Abacus Primary School.</p> <p>I am the mother of a toddler who will start school in September 2020. Many objections state that there are plenty of schools in "Hampstead and Belsize Park" - but this is unfair. There may be plenty of schools in Hampstead, yes, but in Belsize Park there are none. When I apply for schools for my child, I will need to look outside the area in which we live - Hampstead, Camden, Primrose Hill, St John's Wood even.</p> <p>Should my child go to a school in any of these areas, how would we get there? Most likely by car, as I can't imagine taking two buses or undertaking a rushed 30 minute walk with a dawdling four year old every morning. (But I guess the objectors do not mind if there is an increase in pollution and traffic in and around those areas.) Should my child be lucky enough to attend Abacus, there is no way that we would ever consider driving to the school should it be at this new site. (It would take longer to get into the car and get ready to set off than the actual drive!)</p> <p>I am also baffled by so many objectors simply copying and pasting and sending/emailing the same objection letter. By all means object, but don't hide behind someone else's statements - give your own (true) reasons.</p>
2019/2375/P	Anat Elhalal	12/06/2019 16:17:51	SUPPRT	Excellent school, for those who can't afford private education and don't want to go for a religious school
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2019/2375/P	Yael Di Castro	12/06/2019 13:12:45	SUPPRT	It is very important that we will have non religious school in the area, and we support the plan to change the old police station building.
2019/2375/P	Margaret Welbank	12/06/2019 13:09:36	OBJEMAIL	<p>I am concerned at the effect on other Camden schools where there are now more places than pupils. Another school in the area will disadvantage local children. My children benefitted from excellent Camden schools but I have seen how much funding pressure they are under.</p> <p>I walk frequently in this area and am bothered by school run traffic, which spoils the character of the area. A school located outside its own catchment area and in an area with already a great many schools, is bound to be detrimental. The traffic study says that many pupils will live a 20-minute walk away, which is far enough to discourage walking.</p> <p>The air quality study shows that the air on the ground floor will exceed safe limits for pollution, and it is proposed to mitigate this with sealed windows and a ventilation system, but there is little detail on whether this would work. "Build tight, ventilate right" systems tend to fail and lead to unhealthy atmospheres (eg high levels of carbon dioxide) because the users don't operate them correctly. Most people open windows when it is stuffy, and don't adjust ventilation levels instead. There would be a danger of a technological solution being adopted without paying attention to actual user behaviour, so the children end up no better off.</p>
2019/2375/P	Eelis Niemelainen	12/06/2019 08:45:56	COMMNT	Fully in support to address needs of local children.

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2019/2375/P	Nilgun demir	11/06/2019 21:27:06	COMMNT	Abacus belsize needs a new space! they are so successful with their work that they deserve new field and new values ??...
2019/2375/P	So Young Chang	11/06/2019 21:07:36	COMMNT	I strongly support this plan. I want my son to go to this school next year. We have heard only good reviews about Abacus. As a Belsize local person, I want to have this place in walking distance.
2019/2375/P	Alix Tystad	11/06/2019 18:48:09	COMMEMA IL	As I live close by, I am appalled by the thought of the building becoming yet another school. There are so many schools in the area, the traffic and parking are,as it is, quite impossible and the mind just boggles of the idea. I am totally opposed to the concept.
2019/2375/P	Gideon shimshon	11/06/2019 12:24:58	COMMNT	Abacus is an established school in the area. Popular and successful it is about to take its seventh intake of pupils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is, and always has been, a single-form-entry school with a maximum of 210 pupils • It has been in temporary accommodation for six years – the former Police Station will make an ideal permanent home for the school • The application respects, and will restore, this listed building. The school will make an ideal user and ensure the building stays in public ownership • The limited use by the school, a few hours a day and with many holiday breaks throughout the year, will be a fraction of the use the building has had for 100 years as a Police Station – all day, everyday • The school has always had a car-free ethos. Staff, parents and their children are all committed to walking to school, or using public transport – please state your pledge to walk to school if this is relevant for you.
2019/2375/P	Alan Gratton	13/06/2019 08:54:50	SUPPRT	Dear Committee, As a local resident for a number of years and also working in this area. I have been aware of the difficulties of finding school places in this local catchment. I would fully support the application by Abacus not only so the the police station finally has a new purpose in the community but also it would enable families the opportunities to a closer school.
2019/2375/P	Robert Leane	11/06/2019 10:38:32	OBJ	Even more pollution. Even more congestion. All for a school that is in the wrong location and unnecessary anyway. The area is absurdly congested as it is.
2019/2375/P	Jacqueline bright 6	13/06/2019 08:46:37	COMMNT	This will be great for the community. The children here are outstanding,which shows in their behaviour and mannerism. I feel this site will benefit with a school with this characteristic amongst staff, parents and the children. I lookforward seeing this new school

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2019/2375/P	Sebastian Tipton	12/06/2019 16:55:03	NOOBJEM AIL	I support Abacus using the Hampstead police station for their permanent site. My brother attends this school and they are a part of our community as I too live locally.
2019/2375/P	Sebastian Tipton	12/06/2019 16:54:47	NOOBJEM AIL	I support Abacus using the Hampstead police station for their permanent site. My brother attends this school and they are a part of our community as I too live locally.
2019/2375/P	Elizabeth West	12/06/2019 15:58:34	OBJ	I am unconvinced that the proposed school can prevent the increase in the number of cars, minibuses and coaches it would inevitably attract in an already polluted area. This development would harm the health of existing residents and that of the children attending the school. Traffic at school drop-off and collection times would severely add to the congestion around Downshire Hill and Roslyn Hill. I strongly object to the proposed development of a school on this site.
2019/2375/P	Mr Michael Hugh Humphrey	12/06/2019 08:53:54	SUPPRT	<p>This school is essential to help the already financially stretched parents of the area to secure a decent education for their children.</p> <p>As a father of a 4 year old I found the lack of free schools in the area alarming and it is essential we invest in the education of our children.</p> <p>Roslyn Hill and indeed Haverstock hill always have a constant flow of traffic and I see no genuine reason why the flow of traffic would increase significantly due to the opening of a much needed school considering the age group of the students and the fact that they will live within the area hence can easily scooter, cycle or walk to the building (like my 4 year old does). Any alternative use of this building for example a police station or borstal would presumably be less attractive to those who are objecting.</p> <p>This is an excellent example of how tax payers money in my humble opinion should be used to help make use of a beautiful significant building to provide choice for parents and invest in our society via the education and development of our youth. A school in this area would add to the feel of the community.</p> <p>I wish you every success with your decision.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Mike Humphrey</p>

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2019/2375/P	Edwina	11/06/2019 21:06:25	SUPPLETTER	<p>Abacus is a much needed school. It's already doing incredibly well and would be a huge asset to Hampstead. The police station has not been used for far too long and in this climate it might only attract the wrong attention but how correct to turn it into a place of excellent education and wellbeing. Abacus is a new exciting school that will attract the right attention. Children are the future and the future must be embraced in order for society to progress.</p>
2019/2375/P	Paul Evans	11/06/2019 10:21:51	OBJ	<p>I strongly object to this application on the grounds of the greatly increased traffic congestion it will undoubtedly cause. The catchment area for Abacus school only begins south of Lyndhurst Road, and extends as far away as Swiss Cottage Underground Station. As the property does not even sit within the catchment area, and with the application for 210 students, the increase in traffic in this already massively congested area will become horrendous. Exiting from Downshire Hill at both ends will become totally congested, and dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and cars as will parking. Traffic abuse will increase substantially as it has in the surrounding areas of the many other schools in the area ,making the immediate neighbourhoods unbearable. "Drop off/collections ignore schools advices and instructions not to do so and are unenforceable. The NW3 area is inundated with and already served by around thirty primary schools, and as DP16 states:</p> <p>"The concentration of schools in some parts of Camden, including and especially the Hampstead and Belsize Park areas, has led to severe traffic congestion, increasing road safety and parking problems a great deal of which relates to the 'school run'. As part of transport assessments, applications for new schools and for the expansion of existing schools will be expected to provide details of the projected growth in student numbers, how students are likely to travel, their impact on the transport system and any measures to offset transport problems. In areas with an existing problem with the school run, it is unlikely that the Council will grant planning permission for educational facilities that are likely to exacerbate the problem."</p> <p>Local schools are already under financial pressure and by adding more school spaces, this will only increase the strain on current schools.</p> <p>This application clearly contradicts the Council's planning policies.</p> <p>I therefore urge that it be refused</p>
2019/2375/P	Ngozie Azu	12/06/2019 08:38:18	SUPPRT	<p>I am fully supportive of the plans.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Stewart Dean	12/06/2019 08:31:54	NOBJ	I support the use of this building as a school. Having attended a meeting on the subject it became clear that although the school was oddly located it would be an ideal use for a currently empty building.
2019/2375/P	Tirza Meijer	12/06/2019 18:52:48	SUPPRT	there's a need for a secular state school in the area, Abacus is an excellent school, Abacus should get a permanent building and the former police station is an ideal location for that
2019/2375/P	ED LEHMANN	11/06/2019 10:00:43	SUPNOT	<p>I write in support of this planning application by the Department of Education on behalf of the CfBT Schools Trust</p> <p>The revised application addresses community concerns - traffic & noise - while providing a permanent home to educate & grow our most important asset: our children, who are our future</p> <p>I am a parent & my 2 children attend Abacus. A highly efficient & well run Camden bus service brings pupils to Abacus at the moment</p> <p>Abacus is a well-established school, which has rapidly become a highly popular & successful, over-subscribed school - rated "outstanding" by Ofsted</p> <p>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</p> <p>Despite incorrect information - Abacus is, & always has been, a single-form-entry school with a maximum of 210 pupils. It is a small school, with a big future</p> <p>Abacus has been housed in temporary accommodation for 6 years, & yet delivers high quality education. It deserves a permanent home in a proper building</p> <p>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</p> <p>Changing the use of the site from a police station to a one-form entry school for 210 pupils & a business/enterprise space would seem like an excellent use of the site not just for the pupils, but for the entire community</p> <p>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</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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 & maintain the listed building</p> <p>The application should be strongly supported</p>

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2019/2375/P	Morgane Fores	11/06/2019 09:57:20	SUPPRT	My daughter is in year 1 at Abacus and my second will be joining her in September. When we first applied for state schools 2 years ago, we were only in Rosary Primary School catchment area but my daughter was rejected because she is not baptised (despite living about 100metres away from the school). She could have been accepted in another state school but we would have had to drive to go to school which is what people are complaining about. This area is full of private schools and it is not fair to either pay so much for education or be forced to baptise your children only to have access to education! I understand why people are complaining but there are a lot more we can do to prevent pollution other than preventing our children to have access to free (and non faith) education!!!
2019/2375/P	John Sacks	13/06/2019 13:52:57	COMMNT	The proposed change of use is entirely inappropriate. The school would not be accessible by local families because it would be located outside its own catchment area. That would mean that all of the children would have to travel there from outside the area adding to the already terrible traffic congestion. Pollution levels which are already very high in the area would be increased both by this additional traffic and by the output from the "clean" air filtration and production systems used to generate pure air for the proposed school.
2019/2375/P	Kelli Callow	12/06/2019 23:06:36	SUPPRT	<p>I write in support of Abacus Belsize Primary School's application to move into the former Hampstead Police Station.</p> <p>Abacus is a progressive, successful school which provides a much needed secular Primary school option for Belsize Park residents.</p> <p>It is unsustainable & unreasonable for the school to remain in temporary accommodation outside its catchment area when the former Police Station would make an ideal permanent home.</p> <p>Many past & present objections to this application have focused on increased traffic in the vicinity of the Police Station and a surplus of school places in NW3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing the former, Abacus will enforce a car-free policy, formalising the existing commitment from all staff, parents and pupils to walk or take public transport to school. • Regarding the second oft quoted objection, there is in fact a dearth of places in outstanding, secular primary schools in Belsize Park, the so called 'Black Hole'. For other schools and their Governors to object to this application on the grounds that Abacus will offer the community a better school than theirs is frankly puerile and irrelevant. Abacus is, and has always been, a single-form-entry school with a maximum of 210 pupils, so it simply cannot accommodate vast numbers of children from neighbouring schools. <p>In summary, Abacus Belsize Primary School will be an ideal occupant of the former Hampstead Police Station, providing a much needed local amenity and ensuring that this now derelict building is sensitively restored, whilst remaining in public ownership.</p>
2019/2375/P	Elinor Yudan	12/06/2019 23:54:32	SUPPRT	I support having another non-religious public school in hampstead. This will help our community and those how can't afford public school in the area!
2019/2375/P	Maryam Rastegar	12/06/2019 18:01:05	SUPPRT	There's a need for a secular state school in the area, Abacus is an excellent school, Abacus should get a permanent building and the former police station is an ideal location for that

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2019/2375/P	Adam Zecharia	12/06/2019 17:51:22	SUPPRT	SUPPORT
2019/2375/P	Jennifer Noe-Nordberg	12/06/2019 17:00:56	COMNOT	I am a 22 year veteran resident of NW3 (now on Thurlow Road) with 3 children of my own and I oppose this application. Hampstead has too many schools which create traffic, noise and terrible levels of pollution. Please visit my neighbourhood during the school run and see for yourself. There are far more suitable uses for that building -- affordable homes for the elderly, high end flats or even better, a re-opening as a police station. NO MORE SCHOOLS in NW3 PLEASE.
2019/2375/P	Tom Young	12/06/2019 10:11:56	OBJ	<p>The ex-Police Station would serve the general community much better if it was converted into a mix of offices & flats.</p> <p>The need to reduce travel-to-work and to provide different forms of AH is well-established.</p> <p>There is no need for a primary school because existing schools are already undersubscribed.</p> <p>There's a risk of schools closing & more property sell-offs.</p>
2019/2375/P	Maria Mouragian	11/06/2019 11:46:18	SUPPRT	I support the planning permission as my cousin attends the school and loves it so it would be great for them to have a permanent site in Belsize Park
2019/2375/P	Dr Nicholas Temple	12/06/2019 16:50:17	OBJ	<p>I wish to object to this planning application because it will increase traffic on Rosslyn Hill and in Hampstead Village in an area which is already subject to bad traffic congestion and pollution. This particularly takes place during the morning and afternoon when children are taken and picked up from school by their parents in mainly large four wheel drive vehicles.</p> <p>The problem is that there are too many schools in this immediate neighbourhood to cope with the volume of traffic and a further school would only serve to increase the problem.</p> <p>It is of course a pity that this is not an appropriate use for this fine building because the neighbourhood cannot cope with yet another school.</p> <p>Apart from the general congestion and pollution by increased traffic this is a through route for ambulances to and from the Royal Free A&E and there will be major obstructions caused by children being taken and picked up from school and the total lack of any parking facilities to ease this other than on Rosslyn Hill itself.</p> <p>We already see the problem which occurs on Fitzjohns Avenue in the mornings and afternoons during term time.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Shell Nathan	11/06/2019 21:57:48	SUPPEMAIL	I am wholeheartedly in support of the proposed change of use to allow Abacus Belsize primary school full use of the former police station on Rosslyn Hill. Having lived and worked in Camden for many years, I now volunteer in the charity sector in the borough. I have seen first-hand how schools foster supportive and close communities and enhance areas. I believe giving Abacus school a permanent home in Belsize Park at the former police station will only have a positive impact - both on the pupils and staff of the school and on the wider community.
2019/2375/P	Grace Starbrook	11/06/2019 11:58:47	COMMEMAIL	For the school
2019/2375/P	Radman Selmic	11/06/2019 11:58:34	COMMT	Abacus Primary School is well organised and it's staff are absolutely professional. I strongly believe that kids and the staff deserve the permanent location. This would be a great step for the whole local community.
2019/2375/P	Dorene Niotakis	11/06/2019 10:18:13	SUPPRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abacus is an established school in the area. Popular and successful it is about to take its seventh intake of pupils • It is, and always has been, a single-form-entry school with a maximum of 210 pupils • It has been in temporary accommodation for six years – the former Police Station will make an ideal permanent home for the school • The application respects, and will restore, this listed building. The school will make an ideal user and ensure the building stays in public ownership • The limited use by the school, a few hours a day and with many holiday breaks throughout the year, will be a fraction of the use the building has had for 100 years as a Police Station – all day, everyday
2019/2375/P	milica pesic	11/06/2019 09:56:26	NOBJ	We have no children neither planning to have them, but we don't see why not having another school in the area if there are enough kids. What ever other options come - there will be people to protest. School means education. isn't it what we all want to have!?
2019/2375/P	Christina Horvath	12/06/2019 10:41:39	PETITNSUPP	I would like you to grant permission to Abacus Belsize park primary school. They are doing a fantastic work with children and they are currently facing difficulties with having some permanent premises.
2019/2375/P	Roberta Sacks	14/06/2019 07:57:58	OBJ	I strongly object to this Planning Application. I wrote, at length, to object the previous time this proposal was put forward. My main objections were that the amount of traffic would inevitably increase, the amount of pollution would inevitably increase and therefore the danger to young children would inevitably increase. This is still my view. I object to this application.
2019/2375/P	Gadi Weislovits	13/06/2019 22:23:53	SUPPRT	I support the change of use of the old police station to a home for Abacus primary school. This is a wonderful school and a much needed one - there are very few state schools in Belsize Park
2019/2375/P	Lior Shulak Hai	12/06/2019 15:16:34	SUPPRT	This great school is so important to the Belsize Park community. Most of the schools in the area are privet and/or religious, therefor Abacus is an amazing alternative as a non religious and public school for all of the children in the area. I strongly support the efforts of making the old police station building the new home of Abacus school.

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2019/2375/P	Tahir Ebrahim	13/06/2019 12:12:23	SUPPRT	there's a need for a secular state school in the area, Abacus is an excellent school, Abacus should get a permanent building and the former police station is an ideal location for that
2019/2375/P	Tal fox schwartz	12/06/2019 20:44:52	COMMNT	Tal fox schwartz I wish to offer my support for the permanent build of aabacus primary scholl in the old police station on Roslyn hill What better use for this building than to help educate our future generations.
2019/2375/P	Marc Ross	12/06/2019 19:55:54	SUPPRT	It's essential to have a school in the area that parents would support
2019/2375/P	Sanya Polescuk	12/06/2019 18:27:44	OBJ	This proposal is objectionable on the following grounds: 1 average quality of design which shoe-horns the classrooms into Listed Building resulting in meagre circulation and some near-windowless classrooms 2 disproportionate level of investment required for a small school 3 disingenuous and unrealistic undertaking to operate a car-free policy given the catchment area, the distances of travel to school and the young age of the pupils 4 dependance of the viability of the proposal co-existence of a primary school and a business centre
2019/2375/P	Tia Tipton	12/06/2019 16:50:35	NOBJ	I am a resident and my son also attends this outstanding school. I support Abacus having a permanent site for the school and the Hampstead Police station is well suited for me to walk my child to school from my home.
2019/2375/P	Anat Elhalal	12/06/2019 16:17:53	SUPPRT	Excellent school, for those who can't afford private education and don't want to go for a religious school
2019/2375/P	Che Charles	12/06/2019 15:49:30	COMMNT	I would very much like Abacus to be able to move to Hampstead Police station. I'm local to Hampstead and grew up in Kemplay Road a stone throw from the location. It was with my dismay that my son did not get into any of the 5 local Hampstead schools and if it hadn't been for Abacus he would not of attended a local school. It's really important that Abacus can move to the police station as there are not enough school places for children. It's a great school and has a lovely small friendly feel to it.
2019/2375/P	Alan Chesters	12/06/2019 09:54:11	OBJ	Oppose development. Inappropriate use of site. No demand for school places. Will damage other local schools. Contradicts Local Plan. Make traffic and subsequent pollution worse.
2019/2375/P	Darren Briody	11/06/2019 22:48:46	SUPPRT	For my eldest Daughters future & my youngest who is likely to follow her sister & attend Abacus Belsize Primary. For all the kids from Belsize & the surrounding area who will attend the school , and have their futures shaped at the school. For the many jobs that the new school building will create. Why would local residents prefer an old public building to stand unused when it can serve future generations. I implore the powers that be to grant this planning permission & it's opposers to come to their senses. To deny children the chance of education is inexcusable in today's world.
2019/2375/P	Julian Turner	11/06/2019 22:48:44	OBJ	1. Current and forecast school place planning suggests there is no additional demand satisfied by a school on this site. 2. It does not fit with Camden's 2017 Local Plan. 3. A new school would increase traffic and pollution in the area

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