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To: Planning [REDACTED]
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Subject: Comment 2019/2491/L

Dear Planning and Mr Fowler,

I am a local NW3 resident and parent of primary school age children. I wish to write to support the change of use of the old Hampstead Police Station site to (Class D1 and B1) one form entry for Abacus Belsize Primary.

Abacus will offer local families in the community with a non-religious state option. There are many fee-paying schools already located in NW3, but there are limited state school options available to families in Belsize NW3. I have experienced this myself. Christchurch and Holy Trinity are not suitable to my family practically speaking, as we are a mixed Jewish and Muslim family. Fitzjohns is difficult to find a space.

The Abacus children are all local and will walk to school, so it is not an issue of creating more road traffic. Anyone who suggests that the children will not walk is misleading the council. The children who drive to other schools in NW3 are in the independent sector. This would not be the case for Abacus.

The nature of the opposition seems to be opposition for oppositions sake. Schools are great for any community especially if the children are local and can walk.

I am also shocked that New End School is campaigning against another state school. It is really quite sad.

Please grant this approval, these children have been bused to Kings Cross for long enough.

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