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**Dear Mr Fowler,
Former Hampstead Police Station 26 Rosslyn Hill London NW3 1PD
Planning Ref: Application No. 2019/2491/L
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I am writing to support the application to turn the listed old police station into a school.

I believe that the use of the building should stay as a community building. A school fits this role admirably.

There has grown to be a number of other community buildings in the Hampstead/Belsize Park area, the most notable of which is the old Hampstead Town Hall, having to quote from a website "*a wide range of halls, studios, rehearsal facilities and meeting rooms for hire. Increasingly recognised as one of London's top venues for performing arts clientele and corporate or private hires the building's flexibility also enables it to function as a vibrant community arts hub*".

This is also the Camden Arts Centre (contemporary art exhibitions and education) at the bottom of Arkwright Road. In addition there is the relative new open space at the old St Stephen's Church on the corner of Rosslyn Hill and Pond Street. In my opinion, Hampstead Town Ward is now in fact over-supplied with arts and other similar facilities.

Residents of Belsize Park need a new Primary school.

I understand that allegations of increased traffic pollution have been made. It is quite clear to me that traffic pollution will start to decrease significantly as electric and hybrid cars become the norm. Planning should be for the world of tomorrow not of today.

The proposal is eminently a suitable one for this site and I completely support the application.

How much longer should the building remain unoccupied?

Yours sincerely,



R.J. Dowsett