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Thanks,

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**Subject:** Abacus Belsize Primary School

Dear Mr Fowler

I have received information from The Hampstead Committee for Responsible Development regarding the information regarding the planning application for Abacus Belsize Primary School to be located in the old Police station on Rosslyn Hill/Hampstead High Street.

I note from the Abacus School website that they have already purchased the building and that they are working closely with the local community - this is interesting with respect to the fact that a) I live in the local community and b) work at the Royal Free Hospital and have yet to be approached either by Camden Council or the Abacus School for any aspect of consultation.

I would also like to augment the issues raised with respect to the safety of children, both physically when being deposited and collected and also with respect to exposure to pollutants. There is an estimate that only 25% of parents will drive their children to-from school - based on a show of hands of those parents who admit to driving to New End School. As it will be anticipated that most of the children will be beyond walking and 'scooter' distance, there is significant risk, particularly during winter months and rainy days, that many more children will be deposited onto a very busy road (e.g. many parents declare in public their intent to walk to school, the reality may be somewhat different). It is notable also that there has been significant death of a 9-year old child from Asthma in this area.

The Abacus School website currently states that it operates a bus service for children to their location - stating Swiss Cottage Library as a pick up/drop off point. However, the new application does not seem to

state where a bus service would operate from. Without wishing to come across as flippant - I am wondering if they are proposing to use the A&E bays at the Royal Free Hospital?

There is already a state primary school located within 200 meters, thus there can be little justification for further battles to drop and collect children on the same street. It would seem much more appropriate to situate a new school in an area where child places for a good school are needed - eg. West Hampstead and Kentish Town.

Further as has been highlighted, it is not possible (or at least very unpleasant) to walk along the stretch of road between Hampstead Station and Belsize Park Station between 8 and 9 am 3 and 4pm as the number of parents, many of whom are absorbed by their mobile phones and are not attending to their children, make it hazardous for individuals, particularly those with limited mobility, to negotiate the pavements.

From my experience as Paediatric Occupational Therapist, having visited the state schools in the area, extending to Kentish Town, these schools could do with more resources to support the educational opportunities for children. I am particularly impressed with Kentish Town Church of England Primary School - which would benefit from space and facilities to expand their excellent work including children with special needs.

There cannot be a solid educational or economic let alone ecological argument to support the use of the Old Police Station for any school, let alone a primary school.

I would be grateful for consideration of these concerns.

Yours sincerely,  
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