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2019/2375P	Sebastien Larche	09/07/2019 00:05:57	INT	<p>I have 2 children and live in Belsize Park and work in an insurance company in the City. I learned everything of my academic career from State schools and I feel very grateful for that. Today I would simply like my 2 daughter to have the same access to education in their area through a quality state school. As of today Abacus is the best answer.</p> <p>However the current location is not appropriate for families living in Belsize Park. We need the relocation at walking distance to change the life of so many families today and tomorrow who look for an outstanding local state school.</p>

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2019/2375/P	Sheridan Lewis	08/07/2019 13:36:36	COMMNT	

Mr David Fowler
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Camden Planning
5 Pancras Square
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8 July 2019

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Dear Mr Fowler

We are writing to register our objections, for a second time, in relation to the above planning application to convert the Hampstead Police Station to a Free School to be known as the Abacus Belsize Primary School.

As residents of Hampstead Hill Gardens we do not believe that the Police Station on Rossllyn Hill is the right location for this Primary School. There are already plenty of Primary Schools in the Hampstead and Belsize Park area, indeed research indicates that there are already over 650 more primary school places than needed so it is questionable why this school is needed at all.

The cost of the proposed project is exorbitant. It will be the most expensive primary school ever built in the United Kingdom and in the current financial climate of austerity measures, one really has to question where the funding for this Free School is coming from.

We are also very concerned to discover that the children who will attend this school will not be drawn from the Hampstead Catchment area. The Abacus Belsize website indicates that the school will be EXCLUDING Hampstead Children.

We remain very concerned about the increase in traffic on our already congested road. There is a primary school on Pond Street at one end of Hampstead Hill Gardens and the traffic problems early in the morning and at pick up time in the afternoon is already horrendous. By introducing this Free School on Rossllyn Hill, you will guarantee that we will have heavy congestion on both ends of our street. We have noted that the school is suggesting that parents will be bringing their children to school by public transport but we all know that this is an unrealistic expectation and that there will definitely be a major increase in traffic to the area.

We are also very concerned about noise pollution. The current building will need to be dramatically altered to provide suitable facilities for a Primary School and it has very restricted outdoor space. The noise levels of several hundred children at playtime is going to make a major impact on what is currently a very quiet residential street.

We very much hope that the Camden Planning authority will take into account the considerable level of objection that this proposal has generated and ask the developers of the Abacus Free School project to think again and locate the school in a site that is closer to the catchment area it has designated itself to support and to find a site that will be more suitable and less costly to refurbish.

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				<p>We join the long list of Neighbourhood Organisations opposed to this scheme and have confidence that the Camden Planning Officers will make the right decision and reject this proposal once and for all, and make it clear to Abacus Free School that they need to find an alternative site.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Sheridan & Gerry Lewis</p>
2019/2375/P	Amanda Smith	08/07/2019 21:51:30	OBJEMPER	<p>My husband and myself are against the building of the Abacus Belsize Park School. We live very close by and we feel it will cause major disruption on what is already a very busy stretch of road. The parking and traffic during the rush hour is already uncontrolled, and if this worsens it is likely to cause interference with the many ambulances coming from and going to the Royal Free Hospital. Furthermore, the local residents already struggle to leave during the rush hour. Taking all this into consideration, we think the application should not be agreed.</p>
2019/2375/P	Cristian Baden	08/07/2019 12:10:33	OBJEMPER	<p>Due to the open spaces at New End Primary School, the inability for Hampstead children to access the school while still suffering the traffic related disadvantages, I would strongly object this application.</p>