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**From:** Stephen Grosz [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 September 2019 14:24  
**To:** Fowler, David [redacted]  
**Cc:** Nims Mahtani [redacted]; Mandie Gold [redacted]; Nicola Luckhurst [redacted]; Neil Jarman [redacted]; Alex Taylor [redacted]; Byrne, Tim [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: 2019/2375/P Proposed Acoustic Barrier

Dear David,

Thank you for your email, and thank you too for coming on site—we're grateful.

The four of us are writing to you so that there is no misunderstanding—none of us are in negotiation with Mr Byrne regarding the acoustic barrier.

[redacted] on behalf of the residents who would be most affected by noise from the proposed school, and most affected by a loss of light from a sound barrier—we are wholly opposed to a sound barrier between our properties and the proposed school.

Further, having carefully considered the proposal from Abacus Belsize for a school in the old police station, we are opposed to this proposal for all the reasons we gave when you visited—the school will increase traffic, congestion, noise and pollution in Hampstead. The school needs a home in its catchment area, Belsize Park.

Thank you again for making time to visit, and hearing our views.

Regards,  
Nims Mahtani [redacted]  
Stephen and Nicola Grosz [redacted]  
Mandie Gold [redacted]

On 11 Sep 2019, at 11:55, Fowler, David [REDACTED] wrote:

Good morning,

I can see that negotiations regarding the acoustic barrier are still ongoing. As I said on site, you are of course still able to object to the application even if you have agreed the best solution for yourself with regards this barrier. Please let me know if you do have further objections (or if you don't).

Regards,

David

David Fowler  
Principal Planner

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**From:** Nims Mahtani [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 August 2019 12:48  
**To:** Byrne, Tim [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Rob Durham [REDACTED]; Stephen Grosz [REDACTED]; Mandie Gold [REDACTED]; Fowler, David [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Scruby, Isabel [REDACTED]; BURNS, Andrew [REDACTED]; MCHALE, Sharon [REDACTED]; WILLIS, Suzie [REDACTED]; Neil Jarman [REDACTED]; Alex Taylor [REDACTED]; Nicola Grosz [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: 2019/2375/P Proposed Acoustic Barrier

Dear Mr Byrne

Good morning. Sorry for the delay in replying to your email requesting we respond by 16th August. We have looked at all the options and are of the opinion that a noise barrier of any size will not serve its purpose and just be detrimental to all the adjacent homes. From the noise report we can see that you suggest a peaking of the noise levels when 120 children will be in the playground at a certain time, but for the immediate residents children will be playing in the playground from morning till late afternoon and they will have to contend with noise levels rising throughout the whole day. We have to contend with high traffic flowing through Downshire Hill during school runs morning and afternoon and noise levels are already excessive. We will end up living with continually high noise levels throughout the whole day with no respite at all.

For these reasons my family and I object to any noise barrier and essentially to the school moving from Belsize Park to the Police Station site in Hampstead.

Kind regards  
Mrs Mahtani

Sent from my iPad

On 9 Aug 2019, at 15:24, Byrne, Tim [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear All,

Thank you for joining us at the former Hampstead Police Station on the 17th July for the helpful discussion about mitigating the potential future noise levels should the site become the permanent home for Abacus Belsize Primary School. Given the variety of views about current proposals for the 4 metre acoustic barrier, our noise consultants have undertaken some further modelling that we hope will help everyone understand the noise impact of various alternatives.

Please find attached a letter setting out the results and asking for your views on the way forward. We have requested a response by next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August however if you need additional time to consider please let me know.

Happy to discuss if anything is unclear or requires additional explanation.

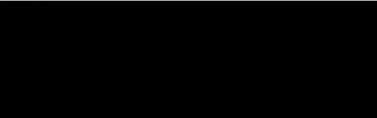
Regards

Tim

**Tim Byrne**

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