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Sent: 15 October 2019 08:17

To: Planning

Subject: FW: Abacus Belsize Primary permanente home - 2019/2375/P

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Thanks,

David

David Fowler Principal Planner

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Sent: 15 October 2019 00:18

To: Fowler, David < <u>David.Fowler@camden.gov.uk</u> > Subject: Abacus Belsize Primary permanente home

Dear Mr. Fowler,

We are parents to two young and wonderful boys, And hope they can both attend Abacus Belsize primary school.

We live on Dunboyne Road, and our home is a walking distance from the former Police Station building on Rosslyn Hill. If Abacus ends up moving to this building we would be able to walk to school every day. We strongly support the 'car free' and 'walk to school' ethos of Abacus. This is our neighbourhood and our home, the place where we chose to live and raise our boys. We care about clean air and reducing pollution in the area as we want this to be a safe environment for our children.

As for Abacus Belsize Primary, we feel that we would be incredibly lucky to get a place in this school and become a part of the Abacus family. It is a wonderful school that serves brilliantly the local community. We hear nothing but praises on the staff members and head teacher.

As you might know, most schools in the area are either private or religious. Abacus is a state, secular as well as excellent school and is a great option for non-religious families that would like to provide outstanding education to their children but can't afford (or would prefer to avoid) private schooling.

We believe that the fact that Abacus is oversubscribed proves just how necessary this school is and we personally know many families who chose Abacus as their first option (not all got a place and are currently in a waiting list). This is despite the fact that the school is in a temporary location and children are forced to travel by bus twice a day, usually during rush hours, through congested and polluted streets of Camden Town.

To conclude, our children deserve to have a permanent space for their school that is close to their homes and the former Police Station building would make a great home for Abacus.

We hope you will consider this when you make your decision.

Thank you!