9th November 201p

The Committee Clerk

Planning Committee

London Borough of Camden

Town Hall

Judd Street

London WC1H 9JE

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application: 2019/2375/P – Former Hampstead Police Station

**Written Submission.**

**Re - Insufficient conditions on construction.**

1. This Submission does not object or support the proposal to convert the former Police Station to a School.

On this matter, Keats Community Library (“the Library”) is neutral.

**2 This Submission relates to the traffic in Keats Grove and apparent lack of any proposed conditions in respect of construction traffic to the Site.**

2.1 Background:

* Keats Grove is a narrow road, partly one way.
* The Library in Keats Grove and the adjacent Keats House Museum are located in a narrow part of a small road. Both buildings have a constant stream of Visitors.
* Visitors arrive 6 days a week and throughout the times when construction will take place.
* These Visitors, particularly those to the Library, include a large number of children including infants especially when activities are running.
* All Visitors arrive on foot and must walk either up or down Keats Grove.
* Visitors are accordingly vulnerable to traffic on Keats Grove.
* Children in prams or buggies and people on mobility scooters are especially at risk as the pavement is very narrow.
* In addition, Keats Grove is a route used by many local school children in the morning and afternoon as it is a quiet and currently safe road for them.
* Visitors, particularly young people are often distracted from their surroundings by viewing smartphones as they walk down Keats Grove.

2.2 Concern about construction traffic

* The route for construction traffic to the School Site could include going up Keats Grove into Downshire Hill.
* This route has the advantage of allowing the driver to arrive next to the Site on Downshire Hill and avoid needing to turn around to leave.
* A truck in Keats Grove passes close to pedestrians as the road is so narrow.
* **Construction or heavy traffic in Keats Grove endangers lives**

**2.3 Planning Condition requested**

**We therefore request that, in the interest of protecting our community, for any planning granted to this proposal:**

**A binding condition is imposed on the applicant and its contractors to forbid/prevent any construction traffic, including heavy trucks, from travelling up Keats Grove to the Site.**

**Yours Faithfully**

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**Steven Bobasch**

**Trustee**