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Ms Bethany Cullen, Head of Development Management

cc Alex Bushell, David Fowler

Dear Ms Cullen,

2019/2375/P and 2019/2491/L - Former Hampstead Police Station, 26 Rosslyn Hill, NW3

You will be aware of the serious objections maintained about this proposal for a Free School.

This letter focuses on **Heritage**.

The Officer's Report to Committee makes no mention of the specialist Reports by Ms Sarah Watt of Asset Heritage. Ms Watt concluded that the proposals would cause "substantial harm"; however, your Officers do not seem to have considered Ms Watt's submissions.

Enclosed with this letter is a further Heritage Report. This one is by Paul Velluet, Chartered Architect, M.Litt., RIBA, IHBC. The objections put forward by Mr Velluet raise new issues which are not addressed in the Officer's Report.

Mr Velluet concludes that the proposals would cause "substantial harm", please refer to the enclosed Report for his detailed assessment. As Mr Velluet explains, your Officers have not even considered the application proposals in the context of Historic England's substantially amended and extended Listing text (of February 2018).

The very limited "public benefit" which would arise from the proposals is evidenced in your Officer's Report. Furthermore, local schools are very concerned about the impact which a Primary school in the Former Hampstead Police Station is likely to have upon their already dwindling pupil numbers. (Such concern is understandable; if Abacus moves to Hampstead, a review of its catchment area would seem inevitable - and Abacus have not offered a S.106 restriction in that regard.)

The enclosed Heritage Report by Paul Velluet is an important document for understanding applications 2019/2491/L and 2019/2375/P. We trust that the Committee will be both provided with a copy and fully appraised of its implications.

Yours sincerely,

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