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Dear Mr Khan

Re: 16/6662/FUL Hasmorean High School, 2-4 Page Street, London, NW7 2EU

I understand that the above Planning Application has been referred to your office for consideration and I am writing to **object** on behalf of London Green Belt Council Members. The London Green Belt Council is a grouping of about 80 organisations with a concern for the Green Belt around London.

Reasons for objection

1. The London Borough of Barnet's Planning Committee voted to grant permission despite the robust recommendation from the Planning Officer to refuse permission on the grounds that:
 - a. its location and its excessive footprint represent inappropriate development within the Green Belt which would cause substantial harm to the fundamental intention and purposes of including land in the Green Belt;
 - b. the applicant has failed to demonstrate the very special circumstances necessary to warrant an exception to the National Planning Policy Framework;
 - c. there were concerns with the methodology and conclusions of the report into the search for alternative sites.

2. The Applicant has not made a sufficient attempt to respond to the Mayor's comments in the Stage One Report about preserving the openness of the Green Belt:
 - a. there is still a high security fence proposed round the land, security will be tight, and general public access will not be possible;
 - b. the applicant's suggestion of a walkway round part of the site (outside the fence) for 'dog walkers' does not compensate for the loss of so many acres of the Green Belt;

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- c. the Mayor asked the applicant to consider how the land take could be reduced, but no serious options showing different alternatives of land take were proposed.

It would set an extremely worrying precedent to support an application which both Barnet and GLA planners regard as posing a substantial threat to the Metropolitan Green Belt as well as failing to comply with the London Plan or demonstrating the very special circumstances to warrant an exception to National Policy. Consequently, the London Green Belt Council would urge you to block the decision made by Barnet's Planning committee.

I would be grateful if you would consider these comments when making your recommendation.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Richard Knox-Johnston, LGBC Chair

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