

law court. Non residential education and training centres). It goes without saying that both KSRA and I believe VRARA members oppose a school onsite, which would bring substantial intensification to the site, compared to the outgoing college.

If you recall, the developer initially was proposing to enlarge share of D1, which they dropped, as a result of widespread opposition. Moreover with the resident requirements they propose (i.e. care being a requirement), I do not see why you think this is residential - even the times article goes to explain that these specific properties are tough to resell as not strictly residential, given its retirement status. Moreover, unlike developments mentioned by the article, where the developer is viewing also retirement housing as "part of the planning process tactic to avoid pledge to produce affordable housing", this is a developer that is committed to this new segment of the market by providing high quality retirement housing, with one scheme already approved by RBKC. It seems to us that you mostly object on the grounds of the price of the flats, but I do not see how this is a planning matter.

The Kensington Square Residents Association represents more than 80 households that are adjacent to the site and support the proposed care home, subject to amendments to the scheme that the developer has indicated they will make as they are keen to work with the community.

As I understand it, many of VRARA members feel happy about the proposed use as well, with concerns about implementation as you state below.

Considering the above, Kensington Square is perplexed to hear that Kensington Society is taking a stance against the project by stating that current social and community use is being removed. How was the university benefiting anyone as a social and community use more than the proposed use, which in fact will contain gardens and possibly other facilities we can all use?

I am concerned about the fact that Kensington Society seems to be taking a stance at odds with the local resident associations, given the raison d'être of the society and its history. The objective of the Kensington Society are *"to preserve and improve the amenities of Kensington for the public benefit by stimulating interest in its history and records, promoting good architecture and planning in its future development and by protecting, preserving and improving its buildings, open spaces and other features of beauty or historic or public interest"*.

The proposed project does bring more public benefit relative to previous use and not only protects open spaces and architecture, but is enhancing and enlarging them, especially when one considers the proposal to cover the tracts which is very much welcome by all. KSRA is additionally speaking with the developer with the view to get more community use from their facilities.

The local residents association hope we can work together on this, but I think it is important that Kensington Society should represent the views of its members.

Kind regards,

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