

As we have stated in our previous comments in November, we have further serious concerns about access to the site in any development and want to ensure site access is maintained in its current form and not to allow any vehicular access via the square. We appreciate the SPD reminding parties that vehicular access is solely via South End.

Given the residential character of the square, we would favour some limited residential development on the buildings facing the square on the proviso that facades are maintained given the Kensington Square Conservation Area constraints and that it should be a car free development. We do not wish to be prescriptive for the specific uses on the South part of the site, but would favour a social and community use that would not result in incremental traffic

Finally, we would like to reiterate that we feel it would be sensible for RBKC to look at the site taking into account its strategic position in the borough. We have considerable amount of adjacent space available such as the tracks that could be covered etc and would enable proper access going forward. This would enable another entrance to be created via Scarsdale Place or under the Copthorne Tara hotel and over the rail-track, and would encourage the monetisation of a roof over the rail-track and transformation into a green or commercial space. Such an approach could lead to a better outcome for all the residents, the entire site and its proposed development, as given the current access constraints the use of the site can be viewed as limiting for developers and hamper ability to generate true long-term benefit to the borough as part of a modernisation scheme of the area.

To summarise, KSRA strongly supports the draft SPD for Heythrop College, subject to the above comments.

We support the same basic principles as our neighbouring associations:

- no increase in traffic to both Kensington Square and South End
- protection of the historic heritage of the site and the area
- protection of green space and sport facilities
- strongly favour tertiary education and communal use of some of the facilities

We remain available to meet at your convenience to discuss this very important matter

Best regards

