PLANNING APPLICATION PUBLIC COMMENT

Application number: PP/18/05313
Site Address: Heythrop College, 23-24 Kensington Square, LONDON, W8 5HH
Proposal: Reinstatement of three townhouses (Class C3), (part of 23 and 24
                       Kensington Square); refurbishment of college building (part of 23
                       Kensington Square) and use as an extra care facility (Class C2).
                       Demolition of all other buildings on site. Erection of deck over
                       adjacent London Underground line and construction of 5 buildings
                       (ranging between 1 and 8 storeys in height) for use as an extra care
                       facility including units, communal facilities and services areas,
                       community hall and on-site affordable housing and associated
                       access parking, servicing and landscaping. (MAJOR
                       DEVELOPMENT)

Comment received: The main problem is the huge scale of the project, a vast housing
                       estate benefitting only the very rich. An enormous construction site
                       requiring an incredible amount construction traffic going within a few
                       feet of my little one bedroom house for 5 years! It has been
                       calculated that at its height lorries will pass my house and all the
                       other poor residents along the route every 3-4 minutes. This is
                       completely unbearable and something no one could possibly
                       endure. The proposed route could hardly be less suitable, it is far
                       too narrow and St Albans Grove is even designated a Cycling
                       Quietway! Why should all the local residents suffer such terrible
                       disruption for a project that will bring them very little public benefit?
                       The noise, the potential damage, the risk to safety (St. Thomas's
                       School next door to me has a constant stream of young children
                       walking along the very narrow pavement) are reason enough to
                       oppose this development. A much smaller development more in
                       keeping with the nature and constraints of the site and a more direct
                       and safer access route possibly via Kensington Square, not passing
                       so many residential homes and schools, is the only possible
                       solution. I strongly oppose this planning application.
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