

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: I object to this application.
The application is not for a care home but expensive residences with optional minimal extra care bolt-ons, seemingly to escape the obligation to build affordable housing and circumnavigate Council's Local Planning Policy.
In addition, the application is at odds with the Council's Local Planning Policy of protecting existing social & community use of buildings and sites.
The proposed scale of the development is totally unsuitable to the site and the local streets will not cope with the levels of construction traffic required.
The site should be put to better use, not another luxury development adding to the oversupply in our area i.e. empty and unsold One Kensington Road and we hope the proposal will be revised so that it embraces Planning Policy, preserves social & community use and is of appropriate scale.

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