

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 strongly oppose the scheme to redevelop Heythrop College into luxury retirement homes on so many grounds:

Firstly, the area cannot afford another enormous development project of this size with the untold disruption and chaos it will bring in terms of heavy building equipment and traffic.

Secondly, the proposed scheme will bring nothing to the area in terms of sustainable community growth and activity. A high end retirement home of this size and nature will not generate business for the shops and small businesses in the area. It will be unaffordable for those most in need and will no doubt remain predominantly empty and under used and will be a blight to an area that is already full of half empty new developments like the new development in De Vere Gardens.

Thirdly, a project of this size will require foundations so deep that it will effect an area that is already under considerable strain from the proximity of the underground rail lines.

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