

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: Firstly, this proposal is for a VAST development which does not even begin to conform to the Council's own planning policy. The idea that this development has any remote connection with social & community uses is risible. I believe that it would be a white elephant with the combined impact of post Brexit and clamp-down on money-laundering and source of wealth investigations. More and more of these squillionaires are moving away from the UK. Few of the rest of us could afford to purchase any of these properties. I have watched the conversion of the NCP car park into a block of flats in Young Street over the last couple of years. The chaos which has been brought to the street and Kensington .square is just a fraction of what would result from the proposed Heythrop development. Even the strictest of CTMP will bring chaos and pollution to many local residents, schools, etc. This would last for at least 5 years and impact on a great many residents, affect sales of local properties, etc. I believe that you cannot ask your residents to submit to this sort of treatment. I conclude. This is an overdevelopment in an unsuitable location. I can think of no benefits to any of the permanent residents of this borough. I strongly object to this proposal and request that the council refuse permission.

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