

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 want to object to this as a long time resident in this area, whose main attraction has always been its relatively small residential aspect. Such a build would be as unnecessary as it would be monstrous to live with both during construction and after. I cannot imagine the lorry traffic in the few yards that South End and other small streets can offer!
We have experienced a tiny sample recently with the relatively modest Young street building, which very often resulted in scenes of traffic chaos.
Whom exactly does this accommodation serve? Benefit?
It would imply that Kensington and Chelsea has become a borough for empty investment without care or concern for its current residents who appreciate what they have as it stands now.
Shouldn't the developers modernize the site within its present size, respecting its past, as happens in other European capitals?
I would be thankful if the Council looked after and preserved Kensington Square for the future...

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