

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 disguised luxury development in the Borough. I live in De Vere Gardens and we know full well that only some 57 out of the 97 luxury flats have been sold. Most of the rest are vacant - held as long-term investments / bolt holes or used by student children or as holiday homes for only part of the year. There is virtually no contribution to the local economy from this development.

The development proposal is for an extra care facility at an exorbitant price for UHNW individuals and is not a care home in the normal sense of the word. This is just a ruse to avoid paying for affordable housing and we desperately need housing that normal people (not just those earning normal salaries) but those earning a decent city salary as a professional can afford. That is unfortunately just not the case any more.

And the huge extent of the scheme means that the works will cause huge disruption in neighbouring streets for years to come. A more reasonably sized scheme would avoid this.

Date of Comment: Thank you for refusing this application.
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