

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: Dear Sirs

I wholeheartedly object to the slightly revised development proposal. There are still far too many units for the access available to both build and service this site. I am also completely against the TfL deck proposal which has been ill thought through. This is already a very busy area- schools, pubs,shops, lots of flats and single houses- to significantly add to this is for ever would be an act of vandalism.

As for the construction program of 5 years(!) and 60 large trucks a day thundering down small residential streets, this will be extremely damaging to the environment and not realistic for the access roads proposed.

It is also very unlikely than anyone will be able or wish to afford to live in these dwellings only being constructed for `extra care flats' as the prices forecast are ridiculous and not realistic. Why would you move out of a larger residence to a pokey 2 bed flat costing more money and take a huge service charge when you could stay where you are and have full time private nursing at home for much less?. The flats , if ever built , will most likely fail in their current guise as extra care flats and therefore the council will concede for change of use at a later date.

Please stop this dangerous speculation.

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