

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: My wife and I wish to object to this development on three primary grounds:- (i) given the massive scale of the proposed project in the context of the neighbourhood the volume of traffic of construction equipment and personnel that will be traversing the streets close to our residence for a very long time is way beyond the tolerance of this quiet and peaceful neighbourhood of narrow streets and heavy pedestrian movement. This massive inconvenience may sometimes be tolerated if the end product becomes of great benefit to the suffering neighbourhood. However, there is no such benefit. That leads to (ii) the fact that the completed project will itself bring yet more traffic and noise to the same quiet neighbourhood for the foreseeable future, with no offsetting benefit to the community that is worth the serious inconvenience. The net consequence of approving this proposal would be to materially reduce the quality of life in the immediate area of St Albans Grove, Kensington Court and Kensington Court Place, Thackery Street and Kensington Square as trucks, cars, minivans and pedestrians flood the neighbourhood forever. (iii) The resulting negative impact on property values would convert the lifestyle harm into a real economic price for householders as a direct consequence of the existence of this massive project. In summary, we strongly object.

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