

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 thoroughly object to the Hethrop Site Development for a number of reasons. The size and scale is too large for the area concerned. The social and community use is no longer viable, with the education facility and halls demolished. Only over priced flats £3m+ will exist with a so called "extra care facility" which is for purely HNW individuals who can afford to buy and leave the houses totally empty - like no 1 Victoria Road. This is damaging to the local community. To develop a site of this size taking 5 years and routing dangerous levels of construction lorries along tiny streets (with several residential construction sites already in place en route) requiring 4 turns into the site passing TWO school buildings which children are moved between several times a day is downright irresponsible when there are other options available like Kensington Square which is 50% less residential and needs only 1 turn in off the main road. This is aside from the enormous levels of pollution from construction traffic and the demolition of historic buildings, earth removal and cement filling in an already heavily polluted area.

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