

## **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 Sir or Madame,

I would like to respectfully object to the Heythrop development. I believe the project is far too big for the area in question. In my opinion this will negatively impact the look and feel of the area without much benefit to the residents. I am also alarmed by the proposed deck over the tube line, I feel this should be considered as a separate strategic initiative to facilitating access to the station, rather than adding more acreage for apartments. I understand the need for more retirement homes, however considering the location, I am assuming these will probably be leased in the region of £150,000 which will rule out the vast majority of older people in Kensington. I just feel at a time when London is looking for more affordable homes, this project is moving in the exact opposite direction to what is really needed. 142 luxury flat and just 5 affordable homes perfectly highlights my case. I am sure I also don't need to mention the havoc a project of this size will cause on the streets in the area. This will have a detrimental effect on the rental market as I am sure tenants will not want to spend half their days in the car whilst on school runs or doing the grocery shopping. I understand the financial benefit to you and your stakeholders of doing this project, however this will be at the expense of the entire neighborhood and will add absolutely no value.

Best regards

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