

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: "A retirement property equivalent of Claridges" (the applicants own description of the scheme cannot be said to fall within the council's policy prescribing "social and community uses" and would eliminate an existing use of that very description by its substitution with high-value luxury housing. By incorporating development over a railway deck as well as the site itself the resulting project would create intolerable short term and permanent traffic pressure on inadequate local streets.

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