

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: As a resident of more than 20 years, I strongly object to the proposed scheme and its consequences
The loss of educational facilities; which must be the base of any community life.
The scale of the development clearly based solely on the maximization of profit with no justification whatsoever for yet more luxury housing on such a scale, "Ultra High Net Worth" who are well known for leaving properties empty for months at a time and do not participate in our community.
The scheme is a lost opportunity to provide the borough with significant affordable housing including affordable care home facilities also the base of a balanced community.
With the scale of the development comes an unacceptable level of traffic through residential street. The proposed long-term access to the development by its residents through residential street that are already very congested.
The deck over TFL lines must be stopped and be proposed under a separate planning consideration.
Lastly and not least the completely unacceptable proposed traffic management plan which would mean lorries, 60 runs daily at its peak, going through quiet residential streets where 2 cars cannot cross over for a considerable length of time due partly to the scale of the scheme.
I also fully second the technical objections formulated by our neighbourhood association.

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Comment type: Objection
I most strongly urge the Committee to refuse this application.

