

## **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:** The site currently houses a college and a hall of residence. RBKC's Local Plan Policy CK1 is intended to preserve such social and community uses. The developers may hope to exploit that purpose by offering care for the elderly, but the scheme as proposed will exclude all but the very rich, and looks likely to be bought by overseas investors as a means to locate money elsewhere than their own countries. Too many such buy-to-leave schemes have been permitted across London, destroying communities and depopulating neighbourhoods. Unless a significant proportion of the proposed development provides affordable housing or genuine and affordable social/ community facilities, it should be rejected as contrary to the stated aims of Policy CK1.

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