

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 am writing to object to the plans for the site of Heythrop College in Kensington Square.
This has been a local community resource and these plans will take it out of the community and become yet another empty quarter, as is so many areas in Kensington now.
The houses to be built in Kensington Square will not fit the Policy CK1, which is to keep social and community uses.
The extra-care formula they posit does not constitute a nursing home, it is just a fancy term for a mega expensive retirement home.
The scale of the development is beyond greedy and the deck over the railway needs separate consideration.
Any development will bring a distressing amount of lorry traffic etc to these narrow residential streets but this is disproportionate and must be re-thought.

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