

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 development of Heythrop College has been brought to my attention. I understand that the developers, are proposing the turning the 3.3 acre site into retirement homes equivalent of Claridges. This does not appear to me to be the kind of development that meets with the criteria of the council's planning policy, of affordable housing. These supposedly retirement homes with huge service charges will be very highly priced, will most probably be occupied by privileged people who might not even live in them all the year round. The fact that one-year leases will be on offer, will most likely attract foreigners who wish to be in London for a short period of time. This is not what one expects of this wonderful bustling lively area of Kensington, nor does it comply with the councils requirements. This kind of development will create enormous disruption for all the residents during its construction, with massively heavy lorries for many years thundering down our narrow small streets creating disruption and chaos to all who have been living peacefully in this conservation area of London. This development is on a massive scale and must be reduced considerably and to be more in keeping with the areas demands. I hope the council will see to it to turn down the planning permission for the Heythrop College site as it stands.

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