

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 new application for the development of the Heythrop site does not comply with the social and community use restrictions of this special C 2 site. I have been to all the "consultations" given by Aurens/Heythrop:they were full of inconsistencies,evasions,obfuscations.I have also read their Design &Acces statements in their new application.The wording pretends at concern but nothing which is enforcable by the Council. NO 1. Aurens/Heythrop are not building a care home.A visit by a nurse for one hour a week is included, thereafter all nursing,G P ,treatments,spa etc. are all to be paid for ,on top of the exceedingly high rental and the £2.500 weekly Service charge . Our neighbourhood does not need anymore luxury flats to be bought and "leave empty".The so called "care " is just a ruse to distract the Council, while developing the over 140 LUXury flats. NO.2 Affordable housing.what is the figure? entirely avoided., Will it be for a teacher,nurse,a student or first time worker?Hardly. NO.3 The present application is far far too big,should be reduced by 60% .It does nothing for the Council's housing needs,nor for local employment or local economy. They will outsource the traffic requirements. I know ,that at present, it is not a planning matter,when the 40/50 daily lorries thunder through, they will damage the streets and foundations of our buildings,like mine which is 130 years old,it may well become a Council matter later

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