

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: There is no need whatsoever for this development. The area is already well served with very expensive, empty, UNSOLD flats. One Kensington Gardens would be a very good example, By granting this permission the council will be backtracking on its policy of protection for social and community uses by demolishing Heythrop College and therefore the use of its amenities. There will be danger and damage to the local community. There is Thomas's school with two venues, one for 4-7 year olds (corner of Victoria Road and St Albans Grove) the other 7-11 corner of Cottesmore Gardens and Stanford Road whose access for both children and parents (parking) will be massively affected. There is potential for a serious accident blackspot here, Even worse at 21 St Albans Grove the school have their canteen whose steps to the front door cannot be more than 15 feet from an already narrow street which is proposed to be the main thoroughfare for traffic headed to the college. Insanity. There will be considerable loss of residents parking for years - Victoria Road, Stanford Road, South End Row, Ansdell Terrace, including my street Eldon Road.? There will be enormous amount of extra pollution, damage to byways, noise. Movement for everybody - emergency services, residents, deliveries, visitors will be massively affected especially at drop off and pick up times for the children. What a shame that the council seems hell bent on destroying a unique residential, 'village' community for the sake of yet more completely not needed, expensive flats for very rich buyers. What next, the Town Hall..? Date of Comment: 24/10/2018 11:58:54
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