

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: 1. This plan is contrary to Council Planning policy. It doesn't protect" social and community "uses. It is essentially a plan to develop 140 super-expensive retirement flats (at £2-£7.75 million). The proposed provision of minimal "extra care" is not, in any way, analogous to a care home (and I say this as the Chair of Trustees of a charity which owns and runs the care homes.
2. Linked to all of this, the last thing the Borough needs are more absentee Flat owners who are hardly ever there with the resultant loss of business for local shop owners and tradesmen.

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Comment type: Objection