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: This development is in no way a public use amenity which it is supposed to be under C3 guidelines. The minimum age for this putative care home is 50 (a joke) and the health requirements have never been identified. The council has again dodged the issue of providing lower income housing by not saying how many homes would be provided. In the past, the council has taken a payment from the developer in lieu of this and promised to build affordable housing which either never happens or is located in a distant area. As a result this promises to be nothing short of luxury housing for absent foreigners hiding money in London. We are already surrounded by such projects which do not provide housing for our citizenry. We have lost all our petrol stations, cinemas and many of our small businesses as every corner of the borough is turned into 'luxury' housing with no benefit to the local community. I will have 60-70 truckloads of material pass my door each day in this conservation area. The damage it will do to the fabric of the houses has never been assessed by this development mad council. Make this the C3 development it was supposed to be and serve your constituents! And why are large trees on the college site already being felled if you are in consultation and listening to our comments on the development?
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