

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: As a resident of Cottesmore Gardens, I strongly object to this development. It will adversely affect the quality of life in the area during the building stage due to the huge increase in number of heavy lorries in quiet, narrow, residential streets. In the long term it will irrevocably change the area for the worse. The sheer scale of the development is extremely worrying - it will be 3 times the footprint of the existing buildings and the roads and services in the area are ill equipped to cope with an influx of that size. I am also extremely concerned about the plan to build a deck over the TFL rail lines. Furthermore I feel that this development will also will inevitably attract UHNWI investors from abroad who will leave properties empty, hollowing out and damaging the fabric of the community. I strongly urge RBKC to reject this development in the interests of the Kensington community.

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