

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: I object vehemently to proposal PP/18/05313 re the redevelopment of the Heythrop College buildings in Kensington Square.

It, combined with the proposed deck over the TfL tube lines, would massively increase the occupation of and traffic through this quiet 17th century square and change the whole area's character forever.

The minimal 'care home' facilities on offer are laughable. Who could afford them? Are you not bound by your own Planning Policy CK1 to foster affordable housing in Kensington, with relevant social and community uses?

We would be left with yet another bought but unoccupied building like 1 Kensington Road on the corner of my street, where almost all of the flats are dark each night. Great for lining the developers' pockets, but not for those of us who must live with the results. And once it's done, it can't be undone, as I'm reminded each time I look at our southern skyline broken by the single Holiday Inn tower.

I lived through 5 years of McAlpine building, and dread another 5 of 60 heavy lorries a day, grinding down Victoria Road en route to South End. Your pest officer is still treating the mice invasion in my building caused by the McAlpine's demolition.

You are our elected councillors. Think again about what would actually benefit your Kensington residents, and refuse this application.

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