

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: Please do not redact our details

Dear Planning Team,

OBJECTION

Re:Heythrop College application, 23-24 Kensington Square, PP/18/05313

On behalf of Ashburn Courtfield Gardens Residents' Association (ACGRA) I am voicing our strong objections to the plans submitted for the redevelopment of Heythrop College at the above address. That college has existed in this neighbourhood for 150 years, has survived two wars, and has had various uses for the community. We are outraged that new plans are suggesting that it is earmarked to become a private club type retirement facility for the mega rich. It stands to reason that our local mega rich, if they want to live in this neighbourhood, would have their own houses in the area and not be in need of this kind of facility. Naturally, due to the high costs of residing in the proposed facility, it would be inaccessible to anyone with average income in the area. Our borough must not become an enclave of part-time residencies for retired mega rich purchasers. We need a vibrant multi layered profile of residents in order to thrive. Please refuse this planning application as it does nothing to contribute to the well being of our community.

Regards,
Friederike Maeda
Chairman Ashburn Courtfield Gardens Residents'
Association (ACGRA)

Date of Comment: 26/10/2018
Comment type: Objection

