

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 my details

Dear Planning department,

OBJECTION

Re: Heythrop College application, 23-24 Kensington square, W8 PP/18/05313

Replacing an educational facility for 140 vastly expensive luxury retirement homes is contrary to Council Planning policy. This policy (CK1) states that "social and community uses" should be safeguarded and retained. This proposed development would remove a college and a hall of residence (a community benefit) for luxury private housing. It is incorrect to claim this project is to create care homes for the elderly - in the developers' words the new apartments would be destined for "ultra high net worth" buyers. The scale of the development is out of scale to the surrounding area There would be over three times the floor-space of the current buildings. Decking over the TFL owned tube lines is excessive. The site is in a cul-de-sac so the small residential roads of the surrounding neighbourhood could not withstand the five year construction phase nor the future traffic were the plan to be built.

Please refuse the application for the simple reason that the community will not benefit in any way.

Yours sincerely,

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