

## **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:** OBJECTION TO THE HEYTHROP COLLEGE APPLICATION

Dear Members of the RBKC Planning Committee,

As residents of De Vere Gardens we would like to submit a threefold objection to the proposed redevelopment of the Heythrop College Kensington Square site:

A. The proposed redevelopment would crowd out the RBKC-stipulated social-and-community use. It is in fact difficult for us to perceive the suggested scheme other than as an outright contradiction of RBKC-espoused policy.

B. Even though many of the proposed luxury flats are likely to form the basis for foreign investment, and hence be left empty for major portions of the year, the proposed scheme does entail population growth. Such increases in the pressure on infrastructure and services do not, in our opinion, form part of the RBKC's remit.

C. Even though, in the scheme of things, the 5-year construction period can be considered a mere interlude, in this case the disruption is likely to prove of a magnitude such that much of any potential post-construction benefit is negated.

There are other factors to consider, but the above is, we feel, the gist of the reasons why his proposal should be disallowed as soon as practical.

With best regards,  
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