

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 think the RBKC should be very careful before allowing such a development as it does look to be targeted mainly at foreign owners/investors if, as the planning notification points out, the aim is to build very expensive "retirement homes" "equivalent to Claridges"!..Those homes would be totally unaffordable for the majority of the residents of the RBKC and yes it could yet become another " buy-to-leave-empty" property...
I live opposite such a property and, believe me, to have to look at all those empty spaces every day is totally depressing and most of all it should serve as an example for the RBKC before giving approval to yet more super-expensive flats.....

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