

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: We object to the proposed development.

The council should preserve low value land use which is of benefit to the community. Targeting the development to high value net worth individuals under the guise of a care home is not the solution and is not consistent with policy CK1.

The scheme is excessive and greedy with far too much mass ruining the character of the square.

It offers no benefit to the local community. On the contrary, the period of demolition and construction would make local life a misery with the corresponding pollution (air and noise) as well as disruption to traffic.

We are not convinced the developer can handle the scale and duration of the redevelopment. We see from the redevelopment of Earls Court coming to a stand still that the applicant's resilience should be taken into account taking into account the high likelihood of an economic downturn.

The existing buildings should be maintained and refurbished internally to preserve the character of the square and area and keep disruption to a minimum during the process.

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