

## 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:** The area of Heythrop College has been in public service use, notably education use, for many years. It has been of service to people in the local area and to a wider community as a result of its work in education, philosophy and religion, notably recently as part of the University of London.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea has many areas in distinguished public service, including in education. They include Imperial College, The Royal Albert Hall and nearby schools of music. The loss of the space for public service, for example education, is a loss to the area and a loss to the communities in Britain and abroad who benefit from them. The relatively low value spaces for these uses are protected by the Council's Planning Policies e.g. CK1 so they can benefit people who live and work in the borough and the communities of academics, artists and others they work with in the rest of Britain and around the world.

Planning Policy helps sustain and develop communities and public services

Date of Comment: I suggest the Planning Application is REFUSED in its present form  
26/10/2018  
Comment type: Objection