

Heythrop College Draft SPD

Statement of Consultation

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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

1. Status and purpose of consultation statement

- 1.1. This Consultation Statement is prepared in accordance with Regulation 17(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. It identifies who has been consulted during the preparation of the draft SPD, how they were consulted, a summary of the main issues raised and explains how those issues have been addressed in the preparation of the Draft Heythrop College Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

2. Name of Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

- 2.1. Draft Heythrop College Supplementary Planning Document

3. Purpose of the SPD

- 3.1. The purpose of this supplementary planning document (SPD) is to provide design and planning guidance for the future development of the Heythrop College site. It will be used by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to make decisions about future development and investment on the site and in the area as a whole.
- 3.2. This SPD sets out the relevant planning policies that should be addressed by any redevelopment proposals for the site, any planning and design issues specific to the site, and some of the key information that an applicant should include in a future planning application.
- 3.3. The purpose of the SPD is to:
- Plan positively for the area
 - Promote high quality sustainable development.
 - Establish guidance on the application of policies within the London Plan and the Council's Consolidated Local Plan that will be used to assess any future planning applications for the Heythrop College site.
 - Provide greater certainty in the planning and development process

4. Those consulted in connection with the preparation of the SPD

- 4.1. Statutory consultees (Historic England, Natural England, Environment Agency) were consulted to determine whether or not the SPD is likely to have significant environmental effects and therefore whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required.
- 4.2. The Council has met with and sought input from local residents and businesses in relation to specific issues and sites.
- 4.3. See below for details of the specific public consultation.

Issues and options consultation (October/November 2015)

- 4.4. This identified a number of key issues that the SPD would need to consider:
- The most appropriate use for the site
 - The potential impact on the area caused by new development
 - The provision of community facilities including open space
 - Access to the site

- 4.5. The 'issues and options' paper was consulted on between 20 October 2015 and 17 November 2015. Residents, businesses and any other interested parties were invited to comment. It was available on the Council's website, with hard copies of the document in local libraries and at the Town Hall Customer Service Centre.
- 4.6. During the consultation period a workshop was held on 28 October 2015 at Kensington Town Hall. The discussion was structured around the key issues identified in the SWOT analysis. The consultation took the form of facilitated conversations between residents, businesses, Councillors, Council planning and design officers.
- 4.7. The responses were compiled into a Consultation Summary Report available on the consultation website:
<https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/>

5. **Summary of main issues raised and how they have been addressed in the SPD**

- 5.1. This list is not exhaustive – a full record of written responses to the consultations is available on the website. Below are some of the main issues and how they have been addressed in the SPD:
- **Building heights and site layout.** The proximity and impact of new blocks on the amenity of the existing houses at South End Row was raised. The SPD provides guidance on site layout and indicative building heights.
 - **Appropriate use of the site.** Comments were varied and sometimes opposing on this issue. The draft SPD sets out the existing use class of the site and cites the Council's Local Plan policy that any proposals would be measured against. It also supports the maintenance of a social and community use on site in line with Consolidated Local Plan policy CK1.
 - **Vehicular access to the site.** The potential impact of increased traffic generation in the area was raised as a concern by local residents. The draft SPD encourages a car free development and requires a transport assessment as part of any development proposals.
 - **The provision of open space.** Residents would like to see some open space on site. One objective in the SPD is to maintain the provision and quality of open spaces on the site.