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Dear Councillors and Planning Office,

I write to register my strong objection to planning application 2022/5281/P, the Environmental Impact assessment for the West Kentish Town Estate development. This development is barbaric and completely out of scale for this area or its ability to support in terms of infrastructure, will be an utter disaster for the entire neighbourhood, deleting green spaces, light, and blighting the view from virtually everywhere, including Hampstead Heath. To the best of my ability to discern, there have been no plans made for infrastructure improvements (water, sewage, medical infrastructure) necessary for such gross overdevelopment (an additional 582 flats are planned, for a total of 898 new flats).

The current estate has been shamefully neglected by Council in terms of repairs for decades. Now they plan to tear down the entire structure and erect tower blocks in their place, rather than retrofitting the existing structure and perhaps adding a story to each building, as has been repeatedly suggested. There is no question in my mind that the new structure will be similarly neglected, resulting in similar unliveable conditions for residents in a few short years—the same misery, only on a much, much larger scale.

I've seen photographs showing what the area will look like if plans go ahead as currently envisioned. They show a dystopian hellhole unfit for human habitation, something straight out of '1984'. I have been a resident in Gospel Oak for 20 years and would very much like to remain here, but if my future here is 30 years of construction with this as the result, I will make my move sooner rather than later.

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