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2021/3225/P	Peter Lewis	30/01/2022 11:05:46	INT	The proposed development will destroy an important asset for Kentish Town residents - a view of the Heath. Over the sixteen years we have lived in Leighton Grove, this view has lifted our hearts as we and our children have walked down to the end of Leighton Road. The buildings proposed would block all but a narrow slice of the view and would be a threat to the mental health of Kentish Towners.
2021/3225/P	Sophie	28/01/2022 18:23:08	COMMNT	<p>My key concerns are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Height of proposed tower blocks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. negative impact on sight lines b. out of character with surrounding neighbourhoods 2. Type and nature of proposed housing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. concerns about the ability of tower blocks to support a genuine, locally rooted and demographically mixed community b. proposed housing mix does not reflect housing needs in Camden (affordability and unit size are key issues) 3. Long-term viability of proposed community spaces <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. lack of evidence of understanding by developer of the need for a viable long-term business plan to underpin provision of proposed community space which therefore risk being underused and delivering little or no benefit to the existing or new community <p>Whilst we have welcomed moves by the developer to engage with local residents, we do not feel that our core concerns about the height of development or the nature of the proposed housing have been heard.</p> <p>We welcome the mixed use nature of the development (especially given that so much office space locally has been converted to residential), the proposed cycling / walking routes and public space included in the design.</p>
2021/3225/P	Patrick Matthews	30/01/2022 16:33:53	COMMNT	I have lived in Kentish Town since 1998 and with a young family since 2014. These proposals are in line with heart-sinking developments at Nine Elms or in Hoxton/Shoreditch Park. What is special in Murphys Yard is the prospect of monetising unspoilt views of the Heath to the great detriment of local people and everyone who loves the Heath. That this scheme has progressed this far reflects the weakness of local democracy and the planning process in London. (In Germany, when developers wished to exploit the unique open spaces of the former Templehof Airport Berliners were able simply to vote to have it left alone.) It is because people mobilised 150 years ago that we have the Heath at all. Now we need a comparable effort to preserve it from corporate greed.

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2021/3225/P	Judith Cook	30/01/2022 15:07:00	COMMNT	I have lived in Bartholomew Villas, Kentish Town since 1977 and the view of Hampstead Heath from the railway bridge at the junction of Kentish Town Road and Leighton Road is the only green view in Kentish Town. The proposal to build a number of high tower blocks at Murphy's Yard will block almost the whole of this green view. As the blocks are proposed they will form a high 'wall' obscuring almost all of the view from the canopy area outside Kentish Town station. There are alternative ways of designing residential housing for the number of units proposed using perimeter layout with lower rise buildings that could be built. The view of the Heath is a precious jewel of Kentish Town and when people, both residents and visitors, come out from the railway and Tube station this is their first impression of our one and only green view. I urge you to require a revised plan to preserve the view of the Heath for people now and in the future to enjoy.
2021/3225/P	Helen	30/01/2022 21:14:25	AMEND	This development is too high, too dense and without architectural merit.
2021/3225/P	C.Jacobs	28/01/2022 09:49:46	OBJ	I object to these proposed development plans on the basis they are far too intensive and too high rise for the local area. They will detrimentally affect the local community and neighbourhoods in terms of light, road and pedestrian traffic, and views from the Heath. It is likely to also become a precedent for high rise development throughout the area. The development needs far more green space and buildings of a height in line with adjacent Highgate road properties. Profit for the developers should not be the priority. Viability for development can be achieved at far lower density and height.

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2021/3225/P	Carrol and Sanderson Close TRA	30/01/2022 16:07:58	OBJ	<p>The Carrol and Sanderson Close estate TRA are objecting, on behalf of estate residents, to the proposed development for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Height of proposed tower blocks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. unacceptable impact on sight lines for residents across the estate b. out of character with surrounding neighbourhoods 2. Type and nature of proposed housing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. concerns about the ability of tower blocks to support a stable, locally rooted and demographically mixed community b. proposed housing mix does not reflect housing needs in Camden. In particular, the dominance of small (1-2 bed) units will favour investment purchases and a transient population, while doing nothing to help families stay in the area. c. insufficient flexibility in proposed parking provision to provide for visitors (including trades) or individuals with disabilities. 3. Impact of a prolonged programme of building works on the health, well-being and livelihoods of estate residents, given that our estate is directly adjacent to the development zone. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. estate residents include individuals with long term health conditions that risk being exacerbated by e.g. dust generated during building works b. the noise of building works will adversely impact the income of estate residents such as freelance musicians who record from home studios 4. Long-term viability of proposed community spaces <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. lack of evidence of understanding by developer of the need for a viable long-term business plan to underpin provision of proposed community space which therefore risk being underused and delivering little or no benefit to the existing or new community <p>Whilst we have welcomed moves by the developer to engage with estate residents, we do not feel that our core concerns about the height of development or the nature of the proposed housing have been heard.</p> <p>We welcome the mixed use nature of the development, the proposed cycling / walking routes and public space included in the design.</p>
2021/3225/P	Daniel Outram	30/01/2022 23:06:37	OBJ	<p>This development should not be granted planning permission since the proposed buildings would have a substantially detrimental effect on views of London from Hampstead Heath. These views are important to Londoners seeking a sense of space, a moment of respite from the urban sprawl. They are also important to tourists and other visitors who value the opportunity to view our capital city as a whole. Outlooks like these help us all to find a sense of perspective in our lives. In my opinion the scheme should be rethought with a focus on low-rise buildings. The heath has helped Londoners to breathe for hundreds of years and the volume of these buildings would obstruct a vital airway.</p>

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2021/3225/P	Dr Harriet Atkinson	29/01/2022 06:45:33	OBJ	I would like to object to this proposal. Such tall buildings are completely out of keeping with that site, which currently allows a much valued (and protected) long view from Kentish Town and area. As far as I can see, the development also does not have potential to benefit local people and is disproportionate to local amenities. I strongly hope this will be rejected.
2021/3225/P	Dr Harriet Atkinson	29/01/2022 06:45:29	OBJ	I would like to object to this proposal. Such tall buildings are completely out of keeping with that site, which currently allows a much valued (and protected) long view from Kentish Town and area. As far as I can see, the development also does not have potential to benefit local people and is disproportionate to local amenities. I strongly hope this will be rejected.
2021/3225/P	Layo Moore	28/01/2022 19:04:31	SUPC	<p>I've had a look through the proposals and overall I think they're good.</p> <p>I'm a local resident (Caversham Road) and I think there's nothing substantially wrong with them. The area is pretty grubby scrubland at the moment and this seems like a very good use for it.</p> <p>The plans look well thought out and the variety of residential, commercial, and social uses look good.</p> <p>I support the plans on the condition that the developers follow through with their extensive landscaping plans, the cycleway/walkway, and minimise the number of car park spaces offered.</p>
2021/3225/P	Sue Dunderdale	29/01/2022 12:24:52	COMMENT	<p>Here are my key concerns about the proposed development of Murphy's Yard.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am a free lance writer and director and spend a lot of time working from my home office. I cannot find [REDACTED] from noise, dirt and other disruption caused by the proposed works. 2. I have lived in Carrol Close for 21 years. The estate has been allowed to deteriorate badly over these years, I have seen no mention of how the new development will help improve the conditions of life for the community on Carrol and Sanderson Close nor have I seen measures to bring the condition of the extant estates up to a decent standard for individuals and the community. 3. The height of the proposed tower blocks will have a negative impact on my sight lines and feelings of ease and freedom. I object to these plans. 4. I am not convinced that the proposed development will fulfill the desperate need for moderately priced, family sized accommodation in this area of London. I object to too many small, overpriced units being planned. 5. I do not believe there is adequate provision for improving the area as regards quality of life, the environment, nature, wildlife as well as the kind of community provision that will help the development of a vibrant local community. I would like to see these provisions included and made mandatory. <p>I would welcome a response to these comments that engages with them seriously.</p>

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2021/3225/P	Simon Levy	27/01/2022 12:30:48	COMMENT	<p>I was dismayed to discover that the view of Hampstead Heath from Kentish Town Road is under threat. Although I understand that there is great demand for housing at the moment, I feel incredibly strongly that losing Kentish Town's view would be a deep loss for the area.</p> <p>On a personal note - during the last two years, as we've dealt with covid, through various lockdowns and periods of working from home, going for a stretch of the legs and seeing the sun setting over this view - which can be one of the most stunning in London - was often a highlight of my day. On a number of occasions, when my eyes were strained from staring at a laptop screen for hours, this view quite literally relieved the pain of a tension headache. And pre and post covid, I think of people thronging out of the tube station to go to the pub, for a meal out, or to a gig at the Forum, the view catching the eye of every person who passes. How could it not?</p> <p>There's a reason the 'Welcome to Kentish Town' graffiti is where it is. It's because this view is Kentish Town. I'm sure many local residents, sympathetic as we are to the demand for housing, would agree with me when I say that the idea of living in Kentish Town without it is heartbreaking. We'd be losing a communal sense of space, scale, and connection to the natural world. Taking that away from Kentish Town - from those who live here, and those who visit - would be a terrible shame.</p>
2021/3225/P	Deborah Jackson	29/01/2022 18:12:57	OBJ	<p>No only will this cause an immense amount of disruption and extra traffic, just after major disturbance to our side street while fibre cables are laid, but the long-term loss of sky and sun from Kentish Town Road can't be forgiven or forgotten - or reversed. We have masses of housing in Kentish Town and Gospel Oak - we don't need this development. And it's quite likely the 'affordable housing' will, as so often before, disappear in a puff of smoke once planning permission is granted, leaving us with only monied residents moving in. Why does Camden buy the promises of developers without apparently seeing them for what they are - empty. The pandemic has taught us the value of green spaces and meditative quiet - how is this going to help now? It's just money in the pockets of people who cynically wouldn't live in Kentish Town themselves and don't care about it. Think of the fields beneath.</p>

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2021/3225/P	Noah Franklin	30/01/2022 22:23:21	OBJ	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>We have lived in the Dartmouth Park Conservation Area for the last 38 years.</p> <p>Thank you for providing the opportunity to respond to the Murphy's Yard planning application. It may be that, at some point, an application will balance all the various needs and concerns appropriately - but the current application should be REJECTED.</p> <p>Reasons for objecting to the current scheme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed tower blocks at the heart of the development are MUCH too high! - The principal road arteries in the neighbourhood (Highgate Road, Gordon House Road, Highgate West Hill, Kentish Town Road, etc.) are already badly choked by excessive weight of traffic through much of the day, with associated air pollution-related health hazards (in an area with several schools) and high carbon emissions. Rather than alleviating this problem, the significantly increased population from the proposed development and the absence of relief roads will make it far worse. The development of a site of this scale represents an opportunity to find creative solutions to this problem, but this is completely absent from the current application.
2021/3225/P	Elizabeth Wilson	28/01/2022 18:52:50	COMNOT	<p>I live in the immediate area (Parliament Hill Fields). The proposed development will obviously be an eyesore. However I am primarily concerned about the lack of affordable housing, especially for families, proposed in the development. The proportion of 1, 2 and 2 bed properties simply does not answer the needs of housing in Camden. There should be more 3 bed and fewer 1 bed units, and there should also be more affordable housing.</p> <p>The development will also cause traffic problems on the junction between Highgate Road and Gordon House Road, already the focus of congestion.</p>
2021/3225/P	Elizabeth Wilson	28/01/2022 18:52:55	COMNOT	<p>I live in the immediate area (Parliament Hill Fields). The proposed development will obviously be an eyesore. However I am primarily concerned about the lack of affordable housing, especially for families, proposed in the development. The proportion of 1, 2 and 2 bed properties simply does not answer the needs of housing in Camden. There should be more 3 bed and fewer 1 bed units, and there should also be more affordable housing.</p> <p>The development will also cause traffic problems on the junction between Highgate Road and Gordon House Road, already the focus of congestion.</p>
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2021/3225/P	Rod Harper	28/01/2022 10:16:22	COMMNT	Plesed about retention of some old existing buildings and path to heath. Very much against tower blocks especially those blocking view of heath from opposite tube station hope there will be a bridge to regis road sight and pedestrian exit restored to gospel oakend of regis road site Also acces to Murphy site from Carkers lane