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As a local resident, I wish to support the objections made by local groups to the application above to develop the former Murphy's Building Yard, including the the Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum and the Hampstead Society. The impact of 6 tower blocks of 11-19 storeys in height so close to Hampstead Heath will have an adverse impact on the openness of the Heath, and be highly visible from the Heath. It will create a precedent for other high rise developments in close proximity to the Heath.

The 825 homes with 2000 plus residents represents an over-development on this tightly constrained site wedged between Highgate Road and Gordon House Road, with limited egress and ingress. Access is particularly difficult on to Gordon House Road, a narrow road passing under the railway bridge and with significant footfall from Gospel Oak Station to local schools. It is also a busy road between the Royal Free Hospital and the Whittington Hospital, with the route of the C11 bus service and cars travelling between east of west areas of London. Highgate Road is also a very heavily used road, and the likely increased vehicle access at this end of the site would face considerable problems, impacting also on the residents of Carol Close estate. Residents of Kiln Place across the railway would be overshadowed by the proposed high rise blocks.

The plans now lack any significant public green space, which could lead to ever more pressure on Hampstead Heath, which has suffered degradation from heavy use during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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