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re: Planning Application Number  
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(Murphy's Yard)

Dear Staff, I write as one who, at age 8, was sent from Norfolk to boarding school in London (Blackheath). That move was a great shock and for the next nine years, I mourned my lost countryside. The close by Greenwich Park was a consolation, but it wasn't countryside, in all its kemptness. During those years, I often cycled home from Greenwich to Norfolk at the holidays, and was liberated by the appearance of countryside Epping. In later years, I frequently cycled north towards Hampstead and Barnes, and the appearance of green at the end of the road gave me that same feeling of the edge of London and the promise of a rural escape. The Kentish Town View, two hundred yards from here, lessens the feeling of imprisonment, even without having to cycle anywhere.

In my Greenwich dungeon, I was heartened by a school song:

"Let other folk make money faster  
In the air of dark-noomed towers  
I don't dread a peevish master;  
Though no man may heed my frowns,  
I be free to go abroad,

Or take again my homeward road  
To where, for me, the apple tree  
Do lean down low in Linden Lea."

\*nostalgically

Yours, asking that the view be preserved,  
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P.S. Some decades ago, Gillian Tindall ('Fields Beneath') urged that the 'railway lands' on which it is proposed to build these dispiriting blocks should be planted with trees. That would certainly fit better the strivings of the COP conferences to capture carbon rather than planting these storage heaters over the area.