

Subject:

Murphy's Yard - Planning Ref. 2021/3225/P OBJECTION

To Camden Planning

I object to this application on the following grounds:

1. Overdevelopment and lack of healthy green provision for homes

(a) The mass, density and height of the tall tower blocks will have an adverse impact on the neighbourhood. They will loom over the Heath, affect its openness, and destroy the skyline views.

(b) The scheme consists of over-amassing of homes, there appears to no gardens, or green spaces as amenities for residents. In modern current times, this density cannot be acceptable as regards healthy living conditions and cannot be conducive to good mental health.

2. Adverse Environmental Impact

(a) The population increase created by the number of homes takes no account of the impact on the environment and the Heath open spaces.

The impact on the Heath will naturally be worse by the areas closest to the development. Intensity of usage could cause permanent irredeemable damage to the Heath.

(b) At one time the developer indicated they would create a Green Corridor from Kentish Town to the Heath by the Lido entrance to complete and enhance a green corridor, the Heath Line. This now does not appear to be their true intentions - instead of a ecologically beneficial true pathway, it appears to be a hard-paved walkway with flower beds and a few trees.

This is a truly miserable piece of obfuscation and is no ecological value, and furthermore, damage will be caused by the dense massing and overshadowing.

3. Planning Framework

(a) The plans breach the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan, and Darmouth Park Neighbourhood Plan, under Policies NE1 and ES1 respectively which seek to protect the metropolitan open land around the Heath.

(b) The plans also do not conform to the Camden Local Plan (policy A2), the Mayor's London Plan 2021 (policies G3 and G6), and the National Policy Planning framework, Section 13.

On the above grounds, I believe the application should be refused in its current state.

I should be grateful if you could please keep me informed on the progress of this application.

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