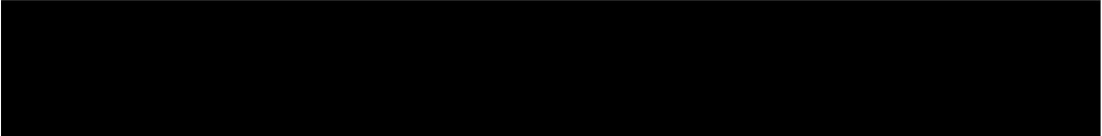




Subject:

Murphy's yard development.



Dear Sir/madam,

I am writing as a Hampstead resident of 30 years. I appreciate your need to provide more housing and your attempts to provide it. However, I do have several objections to the current proposal for the development of Murphy's yard.

First of all, there is no agreed provision for low-cost housing in the proposal which rather goes against the urgent needs of the local people.

Secondly it is a fact that many people who visit the heath go there to have a breath-taking view of London and building a large number of high buildings on the vicinity effectively blocks off the open view across London. This may sound a small thing but it is one of the things that brings joy to many of the people who visit the heath.

Thirdly, when I first read of the potential of the development of the abandoned railway line at Gospel Oak railway line into walkway with a natural habitat, I was very excited so I am rather disillusioned by the idea of a concrete path with built up flower beds. This will only add to a feeling of an over-urbanised space when the whole point of the heath is to provide a green counter to this.

I do think this is important and would beg that the developers build lower rise housing and provide for a non-concreted pathway to the heath.

Yours sincerely

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