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To: Planning Planning
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Subject: Murphy's Yard Development

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Dear Sir,

As a member of the Heath and Hampstead Society, I have become aware of the proposed construction of several residential tower blocks and industrial and office space at the south of the Heath - the Murphy's Yard development.

While it seems appropriate to improve the area and to add to the housing stock in Camden, I object to the scale and size of the development just at the edge of the southern part of the Heath.

I object to the fact that some of the proposed blocks will be between 11 and 19 stories high, dwarfing the surrounding buildings and masking the views to the city from Parliament Hill. This will markedly change the nature of the area and set a precedent for high-rise building on the edge of the Heath in the future, which cannot be what residents want in this area.

I object to the scale of the development. It is too dense. 825 residential homes and with NO AGREED PERCENTAGE for affordable homes. Why is this the case when surely there must be a need for more affordable housing in the Borough? Will these homes also be sold on to investors living out of the country, thereby denying local people the benefit?

Where are the green spaces in this development? It seems that the proposed corridor is paved with occasional flowerbeds and as such the residents will surely want to come onto the Heath for their recreation, adding to the numbers using the Heath around the Lido, which in turn will degrade the area.

In summary I object strongly to the scale of this development, to the height of the buildings proposed, to the lack of affordable housing in the scheme and the potential impact it will have on the Heath around the Lido.

The scheme needs to be revised and reduced in scale if it is to add positively to the surrounding area, to continue to protect the Heath and to enable both current and new residents to enjoy this unique part of London.

Yours faithfully,

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