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We refer to the planning application for Murphy's Yard and wish to register our objections to the proposed development for the site.

While we do not object to the development in principle, the current plans will ruin the area and wreck the view not only from Parliament Hill, but also the tall tower blocks around the fringes of the Heath will impinge upon its openness and cast shadows over a wide area including the Fields. The homes of the existing residents will be dwarfed by these high-rise buildings and Kentish Town City Farm will also have them looming above. The site is far too small for so much to be crammed into it and is entirely inappropriate to be developed in its present form.

Although the hideous brutalistic mass of the Royal Free Hospital is beyond the location of Murphy's Yard, it is a stark example of how NOT to erect a building of such proportions on a site that was far too small in the first place smack in the middle of a residential area which has become totally overwhelmed by its sheer size. The bulk of the hospital can be seen from many parts of Hampstead including the Heath. One would have thought that Camden Council would have learned from mistakes of the past. There must be many examples of contemporary low-rise high-density developments which are sensitive and more acceptable to the existing infrastructure of the area and its residents.

Unfortunately, it would seem that this is about greed and profit and we are looking at a commercial enterprise set to blight our lovely neighbourhood with a development that is grossly excessive and damaging. We cannot allow these plans to go ahead and must strongly object to the proposals.

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