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We are writing to object most strenuously to the proposed development, including a number of tower blocks, at Murphy's Yard, not to the development of housing at that site but at the scale of some of its constituents, for two reasons: the defacement of the skyline viewed from Hampstead Heath, one of its key glories, and the associated influx of visitors to the Heath concentrated at a narrow entry point and, as recent events have shown, with serious damage to the Heath. I

If the proposed development can be scaled down to include less obtrusive buildings - a substantial portion dedicated to affordable housing - and some green space for its inhabitants, then our two objections would be met. It is worth recalling that the recently deceased GLC architect Nicholas Wood showed long ago that the same density as by a group of tower blocks can be achieved at much lower heights and with internal green spaces.

Yours

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