

Regarding the above application for the Murphy's yard development, whilst I support the general principle, I object to the over development of the site for many reasons:

1. The extreme height of the proposed residential tower blocks will not only dominate the site and affect natural daylight for the potential residents but will ruin the view from Parliament Hill across London which is supposed to be protected and block out some of the actual views of the City.
2. From the detail that has now emerged it appears that the so-called "green chain" linking Kentish Town and the Heath is to be nothing more than a few flower beds and the odd tree, with hard standing as a path, thus completely countermending the original claims of a "greening" site which sounded attractive as originally proposed.
3. There is no mention of Social Housing in the proposals which is an essential planning requirement for all new housing developments in Camden, up to 50%. More is desperately needed and this should be an ideal opportunity to provide it
4. The excessive number of residents proposed in the new tower blocks (apparently over 2000) is far too many for the space and site available leading to congestion and a wish to escape to the Heath in leisure time. The Heath has already suffered grievously with the COVID restrictions and residents desire to relax, damaging verges, paths and the general environment.
5. Most shocking of all, it appears that the proposed height of the taller tower blocks in the development is in direct conflict with the requirements of the five local and National planning documents - Hampstead, Dartmouth Park, Camden, Mayor's London Plan and the National Policy Planning framework (respectively NE1, ES1, A2, Mayor's plan G3 and G6 and Section 13 of the National one). All these specify that any development must not harm the Heath's openness nor the views from it. What is the point of all these detailed planning documents if any developer can simply ignore them, and make conflicting counter proposals.

I trust in this case, the various planning document specifications will be respected and the height and density of the tower blocks reduced considerably not just to preserve views from Parliament Hill and the Heath but also to give potential residents and workers more breathing space, daylight and more greening of the area.

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