

Mrs C.M.A.Lowenstein



February 8 2022

Development of Murphy's Yard
Application Number 2021//3225/P

Dear Sir,

I wish to protest most strongly against the above proposal to develop Murphy's Yard, constructing a number of residential tower blocks and other buildings on the south-eastern edge of Hampstead Heath at Gospel Oak.

Not only will this destroy one of the most beautiful views across London from the edge of Hampstead Heath's Kite Hill, but the mass, density and height of six tower blocks of between 11 to 19 storeys will have an overwhelming and adverse impact on the openness of the Heath as from and near the Lido and nearby playing fields; and entailing the loss of views across London towards a distant sky line.

The development consists of the usual brutally ugly tower blocks for 2,000 or more residents, as well as 48,000 sq metres of industrial floor space, and 70,000 sq metres of office space. There is absolutely no provision at all for gardens or green public space for the proposed residents, which will mean that literally thousands of people will be forced into the Parliament Hill area for recreation. This will clearly have a profound impact on this part of the Heath in its wild and natural state, not to mention the amenities and characteristics of the environs of this area of the Heath, so far spared from short sighted development of this kind. Why has this not been considered?

The planning requirement that any development near the Heath – ("Metropolitan open land") – must not harm its openness and the views from it, has in this case been completely ignored. And this, even though it is clearly enshrined in the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan (Policy NE1), the Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Plan (Policy ES1), the Camden Local Plan (Policy A2), the Mayor's London Plan 2021 (Policies G3 and G6), and the National Policy Planning Framework (Section 13), but has been ignored. Serious damage will be the direct result of the developer's proposal, i) to build too many homes on the site, ii) to provide no significant green recreational space within the development for proposed residents. The result being large numbers of people accessing the site all together for recreational purposes, because there is nowhere else for them to go. And thus a hitherto relatively peaceful largely un-trodden area of the Heath, will be seriously and permanently degraded.

I urge you not to allow this destructive and ill advised development to go ahead
in this form.

Yours faithfully,

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