

## **Parnjit Singh**

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**To:** Planning Planning  
**Subject:** Objection to Murphy's Yard development, Application No. 2021/3225/P



As residents of Hampstead and regular walkers on Hampstead Heath, we are writing to object very strongly to this application, for the following reasons:

1. The proposals for this very large development do not include gardens or green public spaces of any sufficient size. This is completely contrary to all good principles of high density development, which should always contain provision for communal life outside the buildings.
2. The proposed “green corridor” is shown on examination of the details to be only a hard-paved walkway, relieved only by a few flowerbeds and isolated trees. It will do nothing to mitigate the negative ecological and social impact of the development.
3. The lack of green open space within the development, combined with the inadequacy of the green corridor, will ensure that the very large population of the new development will create massive additional pressure on the amenities of Hampstead Heath, particularly the areas of the Heath closest to the development. While new users of the Heath should always be welcome, the developers of buildings in the vicinity of the Heath should always be required to ensure that the scale of the development, and its internal provision for public open spaces, are such as to protect the amenities of the Heath for all users.
4. The very great height and mass of the proposed development will have an extremely adverse impact on views from the Heath, reducing the Heath’s unique status as open land with wide and protected views.
5. It is very regrettable that there is no agreed percentage of affordable housing in this development of up to 825 homes for 2000 or more people (quite apart from the massive provision of office and industrial space).
6. While it is undoubtedly the case that Murphy’s Yard is ripe for development, we call upon Camden Council as planning authority to ensure that any development permitted is reasonable in scale, well provided with sympathetic green and open spaces, respectful of the proximity and amenities of Hampstead Heath, and provided with a high proportion of truly affordable housing.

Signed: Marcy Leavitt Bourne and Teddy Bourne