

Planning application for Murphy's Yard (2021/3225)

I wish to register my opposition to the current planning application for Murphy's Yard (2021/3225):

The main problem is the height and size of the towers and for several reasons:

- a. it will greatly add to population density: the facilities of the area are simply not geared for this number of people.
- b. The bulky and tall towers will impact very adversely on some stunning views for which the area is justly famous. That will in particular be a loss to the residents of Kentish Town but their loss will also be our loss from other parts of the land adjoining the Heath who use the Lido area.
- c. The high towers will not provide affordable housing for people with disabilities or for families which include a disabled person. People with disabilities form a significant percentage of those who need affordable housing.
- d. The development will lead to a disproportionately greater of units for couples but not sufficient accommodation for families of 4 or more.
- e. High rise accommodation is inappropriate for the elderly, who will feel trapped and excluded from the community.
- f. Hampstead Heath has the unique feature of **rus in urbe** (country within a town). It is an ancient heath which is very well known internationally for

its character. I have lived near the edge of the Heath for fifty years and cherish every one of its special features.

- g. Plans such as those for Murphy's Yard risk turning the Heath to an urban park, like Central Park New York, and destroying its very special character, which is valued as such by thousands of people as well as myself.

Thank you for taking this into account.



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