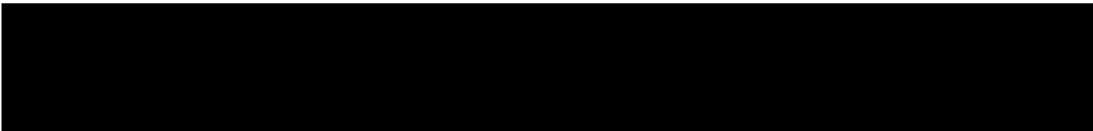


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To: Planning Planning
Subject: Murphy's Yard Redevelopment scheme, 2021/3225/P - OBJECTION by the Croftdown Road Residents' Association



I write on behalf of the 59 members of the Croftdown Road Residents Association (CRRA), of which I am secretary, to register our strong OBJECTION to the current plans to develop Murphy's Yard, NW5 and in particular the three 19-storey towers.

The main reasons reasons we are objecting are listed below:

1. Protected, iconic views from Parliament Hill and Kentish Town Station will be obscured by the tower blocks and disappear forever.
2. the height of any development should be no greater than that of the highest existing building in the immediate surrounding area, which is approximately 5 storeys.
3. If the proposed scheme is built, the Lido and the South end of the Heath - an amenity for thousands from all over London, will be shaded and those citizens' enjoyment spoiled.
4. vertical living often presents unwanted social problems of its own.
5. there will be a steep increase in population density with a major detrimental effect on local services, already under pressure.
6. the development might be car free but essential vehicle traffic - delivery vans, taxis, medical service and maintenance vehicles will be heavy and will increase congestion on local roads.
7. there is a substantial need in Camden for more family accommodation, as local house prices demonstrate. This development offers far too many one and two bedroom apartments unsuitable for families with children.
8. far more green space and many more communal areas will be needed within the scheme than currently proposed. It is far too dense and is conceived solely to maximise the developer's profit.

This site is next to a treasured, much loved and world famous green space and it demands and deserves a significantly more imaginative approach to create a beautiful, sustainable and human space where a new community will flourish and people - including families as well as young professionals - can thrive. Camden, do not destroy Hampstead Heath and please demonstrate to councils everywhere that new developments need not be the urban deserts most of them are today.

Hilary Reicher
Secretary
Croftdown Road Residents Association
(List of 59 members on behalf of whom this objection is being submitted available on request)

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