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RE: Murphy's Yard Development

Dear Members of the Planning Department and Camden Council,

I write to express our objection to the proposed construction of the massive "Murphy's Yard" development proposed to the south-eastern edge of Hampstead Heath at Gospel Oak.

My wife and I have two objections,

- 1) The massing of the project will materially disrupt the views from, and nature of, the Heath looking towards the city and West End. The Heath is an irreplaceable asset for not only Camden, but to all of London. The Heath is not a "Central Park" where one appropriately feels surrounded within a great city. The Heath is recognized globally for its wild character within our city. To allow this development is to destroy a unique inheritance we received from those wise elders who set the principles for Heath back in 1871 and reaffirmed in the 1930s.
- 2) The population density of the new units (over 2000+ residents, offices, industrial spaces) is out of scope for the community when it doesn't include its own management of public space. A good development includes its own green, recreational space so that the development does not push its residents and workers into the community, when that community is already suffering from density issues with traffic, and access to recreation.

We are sure that our objections are not unique. But, as residents whose family has history in Hampstead going back to the 1930s, we are compelled to add our voices to those others crying out against this truly overwhelming development.

Sincerely,


James & Elissa Hyman