

Objection to Planning Application (21/AP/1819) Elephant Park Plot H1

I object to the proposal by developer Lendlease to build an office block on Plot H1 Elephant Park, the site of the former Heygate estate.

Plot H1 site sits on what was the Heygate estate. Twelve hundred households lost their homes when the estate was demolished. The residents were told a new estate would provide them, and others in need, with new homes. This has not happened. 75% of the homes are free-market, with the cheapest at £640k. There will be only 100 social rented homes. Heygate residents were not told that they were giving up their homes for an office block.

Lendlease has only delivered 25% affordable housing on Elephant Park, when it should have been at least 35% and the Mayor now requires 50% of all new housing development on publicly owned land to be affordable.

Southwark is desperate for affordable housing and desperate for land to build on. This prime site should not be used for an office block. It must be used to meet the local community's real needs, including affordable housing, with all the amenities and open surroundings needed to make life liveable in London.

Southwark Council must reject this opportunistic and selfish proposal.

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