
From: Shiona Harris [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 July 2023 22:14
To: Planning Planning
Cc: SaveMuseumStreet@coventgarden.org.uk; David Fowler
Subject: One Museum St 2023/2510/P Planning Objection

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Dear Camden Council Planning,

I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms about the proposed development of Selkirk House, 1 Museum St.

The new proposal still means a 20m increase in the height of the building, totally out of keeping with the local area so it will dominate the skyline and set a dangerous precedent encouraging applications for further tall developments in an historic conservation area.

Moreover, the provision for social and affordable housing is woeful, barely paying lip service to the minimum requirements to be granted planning permission. I note also that the residences nominated for social/affordable housing will suffer from a lack of natural daylight and sun. Only 48 new homes will be created but at a loss of 18 which will be demolished. And the "affordable" units will require an income of some £65k pa which is not exactly affordable for most people, certainly not, for example, my daughter and her family who are one of many local families in dire need of a larger home.

Finally, demolition is contrary to the policies of the UK, GLC and Camden Council itself - granting planning permission would be utterly hypocritical when you, along with the other bodies mentioned, all advocate retaining existing buildings and retrofitting to bring them up to modern standards. In a world where I hope we're all pulling in the same carbon neutral direction, allowing this to go ahead would be a massive retrograde step.

I'm not against development but it needs to be sensitive to the surrounding area and enhance not negatively impact it.

I urge you to refuse permission for this hideous and greedy request which serves only the developers and does nothing but damage to the local community.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this objection by return.

Best,
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☀ all advocate retaining existing buildings and retrofitting them to bring them up to modern standards
☀ it is possible, we commissioned an expert architect in climate change to demonstrate the high carbon impact of this project and suggest alternatives

🔥 We had over 250 objections to the last proposal 🔥

·Remember the British Museum plan to demolish most of the area so that they could build the British Library near the Museum? That plan was sent packing and I sincerely hope we can send this one packing too.👊·

It's not that we are against development but we need something here that is right for the area. Density can be achieved without high-rise buildings.

• If you can help with expenses in any way, however small, we would be very grateful. • • Your donations should be sent to Account name The Bloomsbury Association Sort code 30-96-26 Account 42053560

But whatever you do - Please write to Camden about this terrible proposal.

When you email or write:

Include the Reference: 2023/2510/P One Museum Street

Remember to register as an Objection not a Comment

Email: planning@camden.gov.uk
cc David.Fowler@camden.gov.uk
cc SaveMuseumStreet@CoventGarden.org.uk

Write to: Development Management, Camden Town Hall,
5 Pancras Square N1C 4AG

Finally, thank you very much for your support.

Sent from my iPhone