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Subject: Objection to this proposed development: 2023/2510/P One Museum Street

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This proposed development is still far too high and bulky and if it is ever occupied in office use will impose a negative transformation on the area and overload the local infrastructure. Camden cannot ride roughshod over local residents and small businesses already fighting to restore the area to the combination of specialist shops and residential that it once was. We don't need that amount of new office space here.

Such a large development in this location will blight the whole area for years during the construction period with dust from demolition and trucks carrying debris away. It will block pedestrian communication between Covent Garden and the British Museum via Drury Lane and Museum Street. If it is ever occupied, the influx of office workers will overwhelm the area and encourage more big chain restaurants and retailers pricing out the small, local establishments.

A building of this height will create downdraft and wind blast just as Centre Point has done for 60 years and still does with pedestrians losing their hats and umbrellas and fighting their way through icy and rainy winds. This is just uncivilised and not what local authorities should be promoting. This proposed building is decades out of date and the very antithesis of 'place making' that Camden should be pro-actively promoting and indeed leading. It is also climate-unsound when the vital need now is recycling existing buildings and reducing energy consumption and global heating. This is not 'place making', this is citizen abuse.

Residents don't want this building. Visitors don't come to see office buildings. It should be rejected completely and Camden should appoint an urban

designer to prepare a brief for this site that takes account of local conditions, needs and opportunities and that is contributory rather than damaging to environmental concerns and the climate change knowledge that we now have. We need human-scale places in this area, not brutal, windswept traffic generators.

Regards

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Resident