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To: Planning

Cc: Save Museum Street

Subject: Objection: 2023/2510/P One Museum Street and 2023/2653/L

Dear Development Management, Camden Council,

I am a resident of Soho and have been for over 10 years.

I am writing to strongly object against the development plans at One Museum Street (2023/2510/P One Museum Street and 2023/2653/L).

I strongly object to these applications to demolish 16a/18 West Central Street. Camden's Conservation Area Statement sets out that a building that contributes to the streetscape should be maintained. I hope you adhere to your own Statement by refusing permission for this application. My objection to these proposals is further based on 7 key grounds:

1. It will adversely affect the listed buildings nearby such as St George's Church, Bedford Square, and the British Museum and now the adjacent newly listed buildings.
2. It is very unneighbourly towards nearby buildings causing them to be overlooked and lacking in daylight.
3. The scheme intends to demolish the existing tower, which is already too tall for the site and replace it with something much bigger.
4. It will adversely affect the nearby Conservation Areas of Covent Garden, Bloomsbury and Soho.
5. Demolition is contrary to the climate change policies of the UK, the Greater London Authority and Camden, all of which advocate retaining existing buildings and retrofitting them to bring them up to modern standards.
6. Putting a taller building on the site will set a precedent for more taller buildings in the neighbourhood which Camden will then find very hard to refuse.
7. The scheme does not deal sensitively with the historic buildings within the Conservation Area and find the best uses for them according to their merits.

Furthermore, the decision to refuse permission for the demolition of the M&S flagship store at the Marble Arch end of Oxford Street by the Secretary of State for Housing this week cannot be ignored and is a welcome precedent for maintaining the heritage of our city.

Please take this email as the full confirmation of my objection to the above.

Kind regards,
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