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To: Planning
Cc: David Fowler; Save Museum Street; CGCA Planning
Subject: Objection to 2023/2510/P & 2023/2653/L

To whom it may concern:

I have lived on Monmouth Street (a stone's throw from the proposed development) for the past 23 years, and wish to express my horror at this project. One of the joys of the Covent Garden/Bloomsbury area is that it is relatively low rise, and other recent developments have respected this and maintained the overall skyline. Centrepont is of course an exception, but it is the fact that it contrasts so strikingly with its surroundings that make it such an icon. The height of the proposed development on Museum Street will destroy the landscape. It is totally out of keeping with the surrounding network of historic buildings, including the British Museum itself. The area relies on visitors for its livelihood, and anything which makes the area less attractive - which this monstrosity will - will damage that livelihood.

Camden Council is keen to emphasise its green credentials. Refusing this application is a very good way of putting that into practice. The destruction of so much existing built environment and replacing with new-build flies in the face of the need to re-use and recycle - this applies even more with buildings than it does with domestic rubbish. The Travelodge building is perfectly capable of being re-purposed.

The centre of London needs to keep attracting visitors. Having a massive building project going on for several years, with all the attendant noise, dust, and traffic congestion, is not going to help that. And with the post-pandemic's shift away from city centre office working, there is no evidence at all that this part of town needs additional office space.

Thank you for considering this.

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