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Dear Camden Planning

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It is time to look after life at street level, and take the skyline seriously.

This scheme is a most definitely in my view, as an architect living in South Camden, detrimental to the future of this part of London. It is clearly a bad neighbour; over shadowing of buildings around and most disastrous to the experience people will have walking around this area. Think please about how important it is to the local economy that walkable Bloomsbury and Camden are preserved for future generations and see this project as an act of wealth extraction.

We already have seen how the over developed post office site opposite has given very little to the public realm, it is dark and privatised when it could have been so different. The character of this area with this tower and haunches will be irretrievably damaged. This is a retrograde project at a time of change, where people are looking for naturally ventilated buildings to work in with natural materials. While this mass is completely unacceptable, with imagination this site can play its part in renewal.

Camden please remember you have the power to insist on more innovation and more modesty on your territory which is also all of ours...and our children's children. Retrofitting is the only way we will learn to start reversing climate change...has not the Council declared a climate emergency. Even Gove is waking up, this is a good place to draw the line.

We need a sustainable building which people will locally feel proud of and be keen to show their visiting friends and groups of tourists. How about what has been achieved up the road in Shoreditch? All built of wood, carbon negative... <https://waughthistleton.com/black-white-building/>. It has the scale and intelligence in our built environment deserves.

Reject this towering greed because it has nothing at all to recommend it.

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