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**To:** David Fowler  
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Dear Mr Fowler,

I'm lucky to live in Bloomsbury, at Russell Court on Upper Woburn Place – a block of 501 mainly studio flats built in 1930. Many of us have been here for a long time, since Bloomsbury is such a great place to live in.

However, few of us realised there were plans afoot to build or extend upwards a bulky building that will overshadow the historic parts of Bloomsbury and intrude. While it's true that there is another tall building on Bloomsbury Way, on the south side towards Holborn and Covent Garden, which has a different and more modernist feel, in Bloomsbury we like to guard the local area and keep its character for everyone – for tourists and local residents and for the future. This is not a case of NIMBY or of getting in the way of progress. It is all about protecting the character of what is left of Bloomsbury after the bombing in WWII and the post-war building plus the unfortunate demolition of Georgian terraces: Russell Court itself now stands on one such terrace.

I understand that you have received statements from the formidable Bloomsbury Residents Action Group, citing their objections to the plans:

Here's hoping for an outcome that is acceptable to everyone affected by the plans. Thank you for reading my email.

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