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To: Planning; David Fowler; save museum street
Subject: OBJECTION TO THE MONSTER TOWER

This concerns an objection to a building proposed for the area near my home in Covent Garden and even closer to my special space the Bedford Square Garden. I am a key holder and I pay annually for this privilege...a green space where I can see the sky.

The size and styling of the proposed building is utterly inappropriate to the area, is likely to impact on sunlight reaching the plants of Bedford Sq and furthermore ruin the valued 19th C vibe of the area....valued by locals and tourists.

References...2023/2510/P & 2023/2653/L

I have no idea how developers still hang on to the idea that building more office space is to the benefit of anyone. Has nobody noticed that post Covid, possibly forever, people are not coming back into the office to work. Has anyone surveyed the area recently and evaluated whether this building is viable let alone welcomed??

The economic status of the UK is shifting as are patterns of work. I've travelled widely and have seen many examples of vanity or misjudged projects in unused dilapidation in countries at the bottom of economic cycles. The UK is on its way down. We all know that.

Residents do not want this building. Just take a look. So many take away shops have failed to re-open after lockdown. There is no trade to sustain them. I live here I see what has and has not reopened.

Of course all London areas will always need new homes to be built but not by demolishing what already exists. Why not do something really useful and retrofit the existing building to create a splendid new set of affordable apartments.

Please consider ...rather than vandalising an area with a monster tower that could possibly stand empty for a decade why not enhance the area with well

designed affordable homes that will be snapped up as soon as they are ready.
Be really useful to people rather than cause them grief.

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