



Good afternoon,

As a local Bloomsbury resident, I am writing to lodge my objection to the redevelopment of One Museum Street. The suggested building to be demolished and replaced with a taller building is not in line with the conservation of the history of the surrounding area in Bloomsbury.

In addition to this I would like to outline further objections as detailed below.

1. The area already has multiple mixed use developments and workspaces, since Covid, there has been a move to higher levels of hybrid working so the requirement for more office space is reduced. There are also multiple offices which have spaces available (all you need to do is walk around the area and you will see the signs).
2. Given that we are in a housing crisis building only 44 'family sized affordable homes' is not enough for the area or London. What is needed is hundreds of homes for the different types of households from single people, small and large families and sheltered housing.
3. There are multiple shops, restaurants and cafes in the area already with lots of footfall so not sure how this is beneficial for the local residents from a noise perspective or small businesses who are already being squeezed financially?
4. There is no mention of any social enterprise, i.e. a community space for residents like a park or a youth club for example.
5. The £15 million business rates for the Council mentioned on your project website, will go towards the deficit left by the Government not funding local councils so no one in the borough will see any benefits of this.
6. How can you quantify that the 'substantial improvements to the public spaces on Museum St and West Central St will improve safety and reduce anti-social behaviour'? The reality is that you cannot, it is the centre of London so if anything it is more likely to increase anti-social behaviour.
7. If the plan redevelopment is approved by the council, local residents and business who have already suffered years of building works during the building of the Elizabeth Line on Tottenham Court Road and HS2 in Euston. We have suffered enough and need some respite from all of the massive trucks leaving potholes in our local roads which the council do not repair. In addition to the deaths of cyclist from building trucks not following the designated route, most recently sadly the death of a young cyclist on Charlotte St at the junction of Howland Street in May 2023.

Please confirm receipt of my objection to the redevelopment of One Museum Street.

Best wishes
Anna



