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**Subject:** Selkirk House, One Museum Street - 2023/2510/P and 2023/2653L  
(Listed Building Approval)

I wish to oppose the request for planning permission to rebuild Selkirk House at One Museum Street.

I have lived (Bury Place and Gray's Inn Road) and worked in the area (CentrePoint) for over 40 years and consider that the building being proposed is too large and tall for what is an unique and historic part of the West End – the Bloomsbury Conservation Area. It will have an overbearing presence in the area which contains the beautiful Nicholas Hawksmoor church, St George's and the Grade 1 listed Bedford Square, a perfectly preserved Georgian Square.

Hugh Pearman, the architecture and design critic of The Sunday Times for many years described this area as “ *One of London's more characterful corners and St George's Church, a work of blinding originality, raw emotion and interesting symbolism.*”

The proposed development site lies in the heart of Bloomsbury, on an important route from Covent Garden to the British Museum, two of the country's most visited centres of cultural excellence and tourism in the United Kingdom. This is an important heritage area which attracts huge numbers of national and international tourists and important much needed income to the UK exchequer. Nothing should be done to damage this important national income generator.

As a resident, I should remind you that it is also a place where many people live, work, use the many exciting recreational activities and entertain visitors. We are proud of our world famous neighbourhood, and welcome sensitive developments. But Selkirk House is not sensitive in terms of its size and height.

I hope you will reject this planning application in its present form.

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