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To: Planning
Cc: David Fowler; save museum street
Subject: Objection: References 2023/2510/P and 2023/2653/L

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope my email finds you well. Please find below my letter of objection. This is regarding 2023/2510/P and 2023/2653/L.

Reasons for objection:

The tower is far too tall and far too bulky.

It will adversely affect local listed buildings, such as St. George's Church, Bedford Square and the British Museum. The conservation areas of Covent Garden, Bloomsbury and Soho will suffer from its out of scale 74m height.

Putting a taller building on site will set a precedent for more tall buildings in the neighborhood, for which Camden will then find it very hard to refuse permission.

The scheme intends to demolish the Travelodge tower and replace it with a brand new much bigger office block. Demolition is contrary to the climate change policies of the UK, Greater London Council and Camden, all of which advocate retrofitting.

Our campaign has achieved Grade 2 listed status from Historic England for 6 of the buildings on the West Central St./ Museum Street block but the developers still plan to demolish the corner which contains the remains of a 19th century horse stable, thus destroying irreplaceable heritage.

We agree that the site needs improvement, but there are other alternatives that are sensitive to the scale and architecture of the area and not based purely on financial greed.

Too little housing is being provided; what is proposed will be dark and with a very badly designed backyard.

Residents in the new housing will be forced to have their electric lights on all day due to lack of daylight.

Residents who live or work in buildings surrounding the new housing, will suffer from lack of daylight and will be forced to have their electric lights on all day due to lack of daylight.

Yours sincerely,

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