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**To:** Planning Planning  
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**Subject:** Objection to 2023/2510/P and 2023/2653/L One Museum Street

Dear Sir or Madam,

I regularly attend church nearby at St George's Bloomsbury, and in the past, both lived and worked near Covent Garden. While the Travelodge is a left over from the ill-fated period when the whole of Covent Garden was devalued and due for demolition, this new application for an even higher(74m) and more intrusive building on the same site is objectionable for many reasons.

These renewed applications by the developer entrench the bad planning attitudes of the past which devalued Covent Garden and the Museum area and saw both areas as ripe to be destroyed. After huge and costly planning battles by the residents over many years, these attitudes of your planners were proved wrong, and both areas in their preserved and restored form are loved by locals and tourists alike.

This proposed office block is too bulky for the area and the proposed height dominates the surrounding and overshadows the tower of St George's, a unique historical building that anchors the area.

The proposal is much larger even than the footprint of the current Travelodge -- already a harsh cement eyesore at the top of Drury Lane. However, the proposed demolition is contrary to climate change policies for the UK, Greater London Council, and Camden -- all of which advocate retrofitting if possible.

Now that we are post-pandemic, office space in central London is being re-thought, but the large square footage of offices proposed by this developer in the new building will simply contribute to the current number of empty offices in this neighbourhood, and the proposed social housing on the site is inadequate and poorly lit, and will soon be abandoned to the darkness and crime.

All told, this is a greedy and unrelenting repeat proposal from the developers which I hope will be turned down again.

Yours faithfully,

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