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

- > I object to this proposal on the following grounds.
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- > Height
  - > The proposed building is far too big and bulky, nearly the height of Centre Point! All the other buildings in the area are lower than this. Any replacement building should be the same height or less than the existing one.
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- > Homes
  - > There are not enough homes for people in our area. Camden's planning policies require LabTech to include some housing. Their proposals contain a pitiful number of homes and most that they are including are private and not low rent.
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- > Offices
  - > They propose to build over 250,000 square feet of offices. We already have too many offices in this area, most of which are lying empty. Now that many people work from home due to the changes made by Covid we don't need so many offices, so why build more?
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- > Climate Change/ Global Warming
  - > It is very bad for the environment to demolish a building that could be re-used. The Travelodge is only 55 years old; all the concrete, steel and energy used to make it will be wasted. Putting up a massive new building uses lots of new concrete, steel and energy. Very tall buildings need a lot of energy to heat and light. The world cannot cope with this behaviour, it contributes significantly to overheating and climate change. Camden has an agreement to act in a sustainable way that will prevent climate change. This proposal goes against those commitments and is irresponsible and unsustainable.
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- > Our unique neighbourhood
  - > There are lots of lovely and protected buildings nearby; this new building will be totally out of character with the area. The old buildings are protected by being in 'conservation areas' including Bloomsbury and Covent Garden.

Camden are supposed to make sure the conservation areas are looked after. Local residents, workers and tourists want to be somewhere beautiful and unique not next to yet another office block tower that could be anywhere.

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> Open Space

> There is not enough open space for the number of workers expected to use this massive building. A few shrubs and benches are offered on shady, draughty Museum Street. The play space suggested for the housing is squashed between the backs of the flats, it will be dark and too small.

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