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To whom it concerns

As a long standing resident of the area, i am **one** of a large community of established residents who will be very affected by the newly proposed demolition of Selkick House and proposed development of the much larger building. I am in total opposition to it. Our resident block will be impacted severely with the long term building works, and then the resulting design which we will suffer from its domination over our building for decades to come. We will be affected on every level: light, privacy, and environmental pollution both with the demolition of the buildings which the fall our will directly impact us here being so close; the increased high level of heavy goods vehicles, and the building noise which we have had non-stop this past decade with the other multiple redevelopments of other enormous buildings which remain virtually unfilled.

The pandemic has seen that office spaces are not required with so many businesses now run from homes. We do not need another office space here. it's impossible these spaces will be filled to capacity, especially with our new post pandemic world.

This community needs buildings in this area which enhances the residents quality of life, giving us something we need and enjoy.. not **one** that caters primarily to **money** & business dominance. Air quality in this part of London is highly **poisoned**, polluted way way over what is acceptable for people to live & breath. Its risen through heavy redevelopment, excessive demolition & the heavy good traffic with brings the supplies in. This all destroys the roads and more work is then **done** to mend the damage these vehicles have **done**. This is all brought into the area by developers. We are tired of it because we live and feel the effects. How many years do we have to live through with constant upheaval? The areas retail spaces at the base of current redevelopments are hardly full but they have nothing to offer the residents.

The building proposed is excessively tall & for all the residents they will have to live with it blocking out more light for as long as it stands. Selkirk house (ex Travel Lodge) as it is, is a enormous blot for us all which should never have been allowed. This new development, if passed, will also green light more buildings of the same stature to loom, block, and affect a very beautiful and historic part of london. What we have should be enhanced. This is a conservation area! We need here intimate low builds that make our community thrive with food shops and markets.

The visiting British **Museum** tourists will desire these smaller alley ways & places to go which London is seen being wiped out daily in favour of entire areas of interest erased for **one** new bulk build. This area needs to be a community hub for the residential community, not one mono build. **Museum Street** needs to be revitalised & its charm extended for both the Bloomsbury community to the Covent Garden community. We do not need more business & this design is redundant.

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