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To: Planning

Cc: Sian Williams; James Cannon; Patricia Maxwell

Subject: Proposal to build a much bigger office block on Museum Street, 2023/2510/P and 2023/2653/L

Dear Sirs

I would like to register my objection to the proposal to demolish the Travelodge block on the corner of Museum Street and High Holborn and build instead a much larger block which will involve demolishing some of the existing neighbouring blocks which are handsome and in the style of other existing historic buildings in the area.

I have lived in New Compton Street for over 40 years. My flat faces Shaftesbury Avenue and overlooks Seven Dials, which is a conservation area. I have regularly informed people how lucky I am to live in Camden and not in Westminster. When the French Hospital, which straddled Shaftesbury Avenue and Monmouth Street, was made redundant and the building adapted to become a hotel, proposals were made to add a floor to it. We protested about this and had some success when Camden said the proposals were only reasonable if the additional floor could not be seen from the pavement. The result was a reduction of the area of the proposed new floor level towards the north of the building. This was at least a minor victory for residents, and showed the careful consideration of Camden. The current proposals for Museum Street are monstrous in comparison and show that Camden may no longer be the caring borough that it was.

Yours sincerely

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