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Objection to new Office Block tower, Reference Numbers: 2023/2510/P and 2023/2653

As a resident of Museum Street and a London retailer I write to object in the strongest possible terms against the proposed building of an Office block tower at the corner of Museum Street and High Holborn. The negative impact on the character of the area: one of the few remaining, which is of genuine historic charm, is nothing short of cavalier. The proximity to the British Museum and the conservation area, risks damaging tourism and the consequent impact on business cannot be over-stated.

Covent Garden was threatened with a similar proposal 50 years ago: highways and office blocks would have destroyed all that we recognise now to be an iconic site. As a tourist destination it is unparalleled and is testimony to the importance of treating these historic localities as an asset.

Many are looking for leadership on climate change and so I question whether the CO2 emissions of such dramatic approach won't be more damaging than an adaptation of the existing structure. In any event this would need rigorous proof.

I urge you to reconsider what is a building on unprecedented and enormous scale and which can only damage the character of the environment.

Yours sincerely

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