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Dear Camden Planning Department - I am writing to express my objection to planning application numbers 2024/0993/P and 2024/1005/L - from the Odeon Cinema on Shaftesbury Ave.

I hope you will take my concerns into account despite missing the deadline for comment by a few days. I only realised that this proposal had been lodged when I walked through the Phoenix Garden this afternoon to enjoy its sunny green space. From the information provided about the proposed development I fear it would have a significant adverse impact on the amenity currently provided to local residents by Phoenix Garden, a community project that has been decades in the making. It is such a fantastic community resource and asset in an area that faces many challenges linked to homelessness, addiction and poverty. Allowing a development of the sort and scale proposed would be a tragedy and I cannot see any benefit to the local area and community.

I am a longterm local resident, on the electoral roll, address below. Residents in this area are already experiencing the effect of overcrowding with increased density and churn of tourists and visitors - what is needed is more low rise social housing not more hotel accommodation let alone a 200 bed hotel that will block out the sun. Local infrastructure and services cannot support it.

The proposed building would double the height of the current Odeon/theatre building and overshadow Phoenix Garden at a time of increasing evidence of and awareness about the importance to mental and physical health of access to green spaces and exposure to sunlight.

I support the objections raised and responses submitted by the Covent Garden Community Association and the Seven Dials Trust.

I strongly urge the planning officers and committee to reject this application.

Yours sincerely

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