From: Nicholas Clemmow Sent: 21 May 2024 21:42

To: Planning

Subject: Objection To 2024/0993/P

Dear Camden Council,

I write this email as an objection to the application listed above.

I am a local (resident of Soho) and feel strongly this application needs to be rejected by Camden Council. These proposals from Yoo Capital will hugely and negatively impact the surrounding conservation area if they are allowed to plonk six new floors on top of a Grade II listed building, thereby doubling its current height (one may wonder what the point of buildings being listed is if developers can simply build on top of them?).

If the destruction of listed buildings and the historical character of our area of this city isn't enough, these proposals will also severely damage nearby Phoenix Gardens; its plants and wildlife.

As the CGCA explains:

- Damage to the Phoenix Garden, the only community green space within Covent Garden together with its neighbour St. Giles Churchyard and the playground. The garden already struggles with minimal light and this would make its main area dark most of the time.

More broadly, Camden Council are responsible for granting the application for an enormous eye sore of a tower block on Museum Street which will overshadow a number of heritage buildings, including the British Museum. The Council needs to seriously reconsider its approach to granting planning permission to developers.

The lack of care and consideration that Camden Council has for the area it is responsible for is shocking. It is appalling to be granting all of these (mainly overseas) developers whatever they want to do in our historical city for the 'right' amount of money - which is £30 million in this case.

I hope Camden Council employees and councillors know that they are helping to destroy what is unique and historical about this area of London, and that when our historical buildings are sold off to developers they are gone forever.

Kind regards, Nicholas Clemmow Apartment 6, The Salthouse, 5 Peter Street, London, W1F 0DN