

To: Neil Quinn, Planning Officer, London Borough of Camden

From: Helen Mc Murray, Secretary, South Bloomsbury T.R.A.

Date: 8th August, 2014

Dear Neil,

Application: 2014/4117/P: Museum House, 23-26 Museum St., London

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I am writing on behalf of our residents' association to object to this application.

This building is situated roughly half-way along Museum St which is one of three key northern approaches to the British Museum, and it is arguably the most significant thoroughfare of the three on account of the number of listed buildings to the northern end opening out on to Great Russell St. It is a much visited part of Bloomsbury and an important contributor to the character of the Conservation Area. Museum House sits at the junction with Little Russell St and so cuts across the heart of this historic area; any changes to the height of the building will have a significant impact on views of the area.

It is unacceptable that precise dimensions of the height of the extension have not been provided. The building is already higher than its neighbours and a roof extension will clearly add to this, marring the view along Little Russell St., and potentially other vistas to and from the Museum.

Moreover, the applicant has not supplied any plans or sections that show the relation of the extension to adjacent buildings so it is not possible to ascertain the full visual impact of the proposal. It is essential that this is provided for residents living close to the building so that they can have a clearer understanding of the degree of overlooking into their properties. A Daylight and Sunlight report should be commissioned in order to gauge the impact on quality of light for the immediate neighbours.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Mc Murray

