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**Planning Application Details**

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Your comments on the planning application

I wish to object to the proposed plans. I believe that the size and nature of the development is entirely inappropriate for this historic and notable area. A huge glass and concrete building as that proposed will be out of scale with the surrounding buildings, and will dominate the skyline, pavement views and outlooks from other buildings. To place a modern box like this close to such world-class architectural gems as Hawksmoor's St George's Church, and the British Museum would be an environmental crime and would be a source of great regret to everyone for years to come.

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The local area is of huge tourist significance, as well as being home to many residents who are proud and caring about their community and environment. A bad design like this one will affect all those who live, work and visit (loss of light to surrounding houses, flats, shops and offices is a case in point). The area will be made less attractive to the thousands of visitors who come to the British Museum. The uses proposed do not address the needs of local people (for example a medical surgery, affordable housing, green space, small business/workshops). The outcome will be the predictable takeover of the retail units by generic cafe/restaurant chains as is happening everywhere in London and the UK. We need independent, small scale developments that blend into and improve the retail landscape.

This is an opportunity to build a remarkable hub of resources that is valued and admired by all. This proposal will not achieve that. It is crude, charmless and insensitive. Please reject it.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely

Lindsay Wakeman

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