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**Sent:** 31 January 2015 04:53  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** McDonald, Neil  
**Subject:** former post office site on Museum St/New Oxford St/High Holborn.

Please do not blight my neighbourhood by insensitive development on this prominent site!

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Dear Sir

I am writing in connection with the proposed development on New Oxford St (21-31 New Oxford St, WC1A 1BA, App 2014/5946/p)

There have been some modifications to the original proposal made by the developers. They are cosmetic and do not in any way respond to the fundamental concern of the size and bulk of the building.

The building will be higher than, and so will relativise, St George's Church, which as you will know, is a building of outstanding architectural value, which possesses a remarkable tower and is a local landmark. The tower has a unique statue of King George 1 and is set upon a base of a unicorn and lion chasing one another. It is thought to be the most eccentric steeple in London.

St George's is a building that the World Monument Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund contributed over nine million pounds to restore. It is set in a historic part of Bloomsbury. The proposed development will not only fail to add anything worthwhile to the area, it will in fact give permission for the creation of what can at best be described as a dull,

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overgrown piece of functionalist concrete, which will dominate the local skyline.

As Rector of the parish I can state that this proposal has not divided the local community over its appropriateness, it has united it in one voice in a very definite No!

Yours sincerely  
The Revd David Peebles



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