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2020/3881/P	Sharon Monks	19/09/2020 14:01:31	OBJ	<p>Just trying to fathom how in the Camden part of Zone 1 it's somehow okay to double the height of buildings. This is capitalism at its worst. Build a building that's too tall, for office space that isn't required, in a road where there is no appetite for this type of development. Gray's Inn Road is at a crossroads in its history and it feels like this development, along with others mooted, is going to destroy the history, fabric and feel of the place. All to create huge profits for companies that have no long term commitment or understanding of the area. RIP Gray's Inn Road.</p>
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2020/3881/P	Abigail Recker	19/09/2020 13:53:45	OBJ	<p>I don't understand why this area is coming under attack from this developer and architect in terms of planning buildings that are double the size / storeys of existing local architecture. Some questions and points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why does Acorn House get a bump from 5 storeys to 10? - How does this fit in with Zone 1 scale? - Are Camden Council going to stand up to this developer and architect? They don't understand local architecture - Acorn House, if it needs redeveloping, should be no taller than it already is - We need the empty buildings in the area filled before we need new ones of greedy scale - Can Camden Council enlighten as to why this particular developer and its chosen architect are so determined to permanently undermine the local vernacular and its current scale? - If this is approved then I take it all their other ugly and out of place designs will be green lit around Gray's Inn Road, too <p>YES. This is an objection</p>
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2020/3881/P	Gavin Monks	19/09/2020 13:47:30	OBJ	<p>Acorn House is currently 5 storeys high in a neighbourhood that doesn't stray above 5-6 storeys. The planned proposal DOUBLES that to 10. How is this in-keeping with the history of the area and the comparable stature of buildings?</p> <p>I don't see an issue with replacing like for like but this, I'm afraid, is very much in-keeping with the values of this particular developer and the architects they are in cahoots with. It's quite clear that they want to raise the ceiling here to make it easier to raise the ceiling for all their other developments in KX. Move this from 5 to 10 storeys and then all of a sudden their plans to build a hotel of 14 storeys next door at 330 Gray's Inn Road doesn't seem such a leap. And then we've gone from 5 storey buildings to 14 in Gray's Inn Road. Pretty much overnight. It's scandalous. And so transparent.</p> <p>I object to the height of these plans. This architect and developer are singlehandedly trying to change the vernacular of the area with scant regard for the history of the location. This and Belgrove House and the hotel are shameless attempts to make as much money as possible as quickly as possible and they have calculated that doing so during the coronavirus pandemic will mean they meet fewer obstacles along the way. There's no appetite for such developments. Gray's Inn Road is riddled with empty office space.</p> <p>And the developers and architects main argument: buildings get taller over time. Have a look at Soho and other parts of Zone 1 where this certainly is not the case. It's all about size and scale that reflect the past and the present. This is not the future</p>
