

Subject: 2021/2954/P One Museum Street

Dear David Fowler

Please will you reconsider the application made by LabTech to knock down the old Travelodge building on the corner of Museum Street and High Holborn and erect an 80 metre tower in its place?

The height of the proposed new build is out of keeping with the area. Museum Street is a part of London that attracts tourism and needs to maintain its character for local prosperity.

LabTech plan to build a majority of offices: London is already overrun with splendid looking empty offices, and the requirements of more office premises after Covid is seriously debatable.

There is a great need for housing in the area, but the proposed plans provide too few homes and too pricey ones at that for local needs.

It is true that the Travelodge itself is a bit of an eye-saw ... but demolishing it is detrimental to preventable climate change but how fabulous it would be if the current building could be adapted to new uses with a viable green space included.

Certainly the construction disruption will be unhelpful to the locality, to visitors to the British Museum, and the the local traffic lanes: if there has to be disruption let there please be a good reason for it and a wanted rather than unwanted outcome.

Sincerely

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