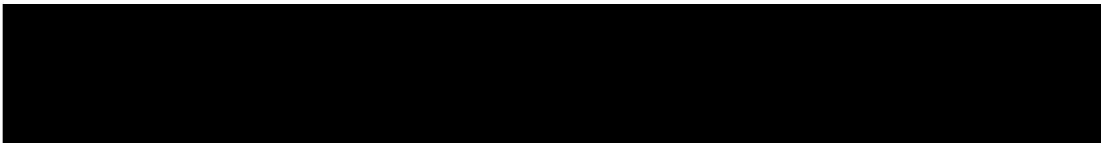




**Subject:**

Objection: 2021/2954/P One Museum St



Dear Planning Department.

**RE: 2021/2954/P One Museum Street**

I am writing with regard to the above proposed building project.

By now I suspect will you have received a very large number of objections to the proposal, all of which will have reflected some very fundamental and often obvious causes for concern.

The building's height is quite astonishing, almost equalling that of Centre Point. The implications for this on the space around it, the light and the skyline will be quite profound. The proposed Vine Lane, with its long narrow pathway, has a great potential for crime.

It seems very curious indeed that as the need and demand for office space diminishes there should be such a major project offering more of it.

We are all aware of the need for more homes, which are affordable, in the area.

The area has a very strong character, with its Georgian and Victorian overtones: this building does not even attempt to reflect this.

As the parish priest of St George's Bloomsbury I have spoken to many people about this project to gauge how it has been received. I can tell you that it has not divided the community, it has united it, in one strong voice of rejection, which if it is driven through the planning department will turn to a voice of resentment.

We have all gone through a very difficult period because of the pandemic. It has caused us all, both on a personal as well as communal level, to discern our priorities and values and to ask what is most important. What we do not want is more of the same i.e. projects that are driven through planning processes by big money without any real and genuine participation by the local community. Have we learned nothing?

I do not think the local community is against re-development as such. Part of living in the West-end is to see change. What is being asked is a true and valued participation by those who live here with those who want to come in, leave their profitable mark and then leave. Is that really too much to ask?

Yours sincerely

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