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Dear Camden Planning Officers and Committee

I am writing as a long time resident of Camden living in the Bloomsbury area, to lodge an objection to planning application 2021/2954/P One Museum Street.

The proposed development will do nothing to meet the needs of the local residents and neither will it enhance the neighborhood for visitors. We live in the shadow of Centrepoint, a block that now consists largely of empty luxury apartments, surrounded by empty shops and offices and the last thing we need is another tall, bulky tower containing offices and unaffordable flats. It will tower over local buildings and cast long shadows in an area that needs more light and more open space. The number of homes in the proposal, especially for social housing, is derisory given the level of unmet housing need in the area and the obligations of the council to provide homes for its citizens.

I appreciate that the Council is under-resourced and for that reason should seize opportunities like this to secure a better deal with developers. I'm sure many local residents, voters, would be happy to support submissions to the Westminster government (MHCLG?) for partnership funding to ensure the Travelodge can be converted largely for the purpose of attractive social housing for a mixed age range and family type. It would be a shame to waste this opportunity to improve the local environment and provide enhanced amenities and housing for the local community. LabTech's proposal is wholly unacceptable, in scale, design and purpose.

I urge you to reject the application and look forward to hearing.

Yours sincerely

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