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I write to object to the proposed building of an 80 metre high office block in place of the current Travelodge building on the corner of Museum Street and High Holborn for the following reasons:

1. The proposed building is far too high, any replacement building should be the same height or lower than the existing one.
2. We need more affordable homes in Camden, both for rent and to buy. Its been highlighted in the national news recently how people are being forced to pay extortionate rent for private housing, to live in vey sub standard properties. Its the wrong time to be building more office blocks, when it is likely in the aftermath of the pandemic fewer people will be coming into central London as frequently as before. Consequently there is likely to be existing office space lying empty could be used.
3. It is bad for the environment to demolish a building that could be reused, wasting all its materials. It contributes considerably to heating up the climate. Where is Camden's commitment to act in a sustainable way to prevent climate change?
4. The proposed new tower will be totally out of character with the existing older buildings in the area which are protected by being in the Conservation Areas of Bloomsbury and Covent Garden.
5. There is a lack of open space for the number of workers expected to use the building. The amount of housing proposed is an insult, and the play spacesuggested for the housing is squashed between the backs of the flats, it will be too dark and small.
6. Camden were told over a year and a half ago that the tower was too high and the Developer has been told that the Scheme is fundamentally flawed but they have continued regardless.

Please Camden, remember you re a LABOUR Borough, supposedly caring for ALL residents of Camden, fight for homes not for faceless office blocks. Please turn down this greedy proposal.

Thank you.

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