

In 1979 Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment confirmed the listing of more than 170 historic buildings in Convent Garden and Bloomsbury, thus overturning the proposals for a comprehensive development plan to turn the area into predominately high-rise office blocks.

LabTechs speculative proposal to develop a 22-storey tower block building should be refused. The proposal should be revised to complement the area and also to provide homes based on Parker Morris building standards.

Yours faithfully,



Alan Spence



References

- (1) R Rodgers and Anne Powers. Cities for a Small Country. 2000 page 196
- (2) Plan of the Historic Area showing the "Earl of Southampton's Little Town".
(Reproduced from the former document from the Bury Place Residents Association Archives)
- (3) Convent Garden: A Model for the Protection of Special Character? By Raymond and Tieg O'Donovan, Farrer & Co.
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Dear Sir,

Reference 2021/2954/P One Museum Street:Objection.

I wish to register an objection to the proposal by LabTech to redevelop the Travel Lodge building on Museum Street and High Holborn.

Objections:

Impact on our unique neighbourhoods of Convent Garden and Bloomsbury and the agreed need for residential housing in the neighbourhood.

Convent Garden is envied all over the world for linking conservation with enterprise, modern design and traditional streets with public spaces.(1) Bloomsbury is also an area of conservation based on its long history such as the Earl of Southampton's Town (2). These points were taken into account when the demolition of the area was a possibility to enable the expansion of the British Museum.