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**From:** David Fowler  
**Sent:** 01 September 2021 10:10  
**To:** Planning Planning  
**Subject:** FW: On proposed office building in Museum Street --a mistake

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Please log and upload objection.

Thanks,

David

David Fowler  
Deputy Team Leader



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**From:** Phoebe Morris-Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 August 2021 13:16  
**To:** David Fowler [REDACTED] Bethany Cullen [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: On proposed office building in Museum Street --a mistake

Dear Beth and David

Please see a further objection to 1 Museum Street

Kind regards

Phoebe Morris-Jones  
Head of Cabinet Office

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**From:** Phoebe Morris-Jones [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Friday, 27 August 2021 at 08:21  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: On proposed office building in Museum Street --a mistake

Dear Ms Monahan

Thank you for taking the time to write to Cllr Georgia Gould to set out your views on the future of One Museum Street and I am responding on her behalf as Head of Cabinet Office.

I have forwarded your email to our planning team and the relevant planning officer to ensure it is logged.

Kind regards

Phoebe Morris-Jones  
Head of Cabinet Office

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**From:** jane monahan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 10:48 PM  
**To:** Georgia Gould [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** On proposed office building in Museum Street --a mistake

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Head of Camden Council,  
Councillor Georgia Gould.

Dear Madam,

As a born Londoner and a regular writer for a Financial Times publication, I am writing to you to express my deep concern about the proposal to build a massive office block on Museum Street. After looking into the proposed project I can only conclude that it is egregious on many counts including its height, the absence of any significant housing planned and the overall sustainability of the project.

More specifically, the building will affect the historic look of Museum Street by overshadowing many listed buildings and blocking many protected views. Rather than renovating and improving the existing building that fits in with the architectural aesthetic of the street, the project company, Labtech apparently plans to ruthlessly demolish the entire existing structure at Number One Museum Street.

Secondly, the proposed building will be 70% the height of Centre Point and contain 251,400sq ft of office space. This makes it a highly risky and dubiously sustainable project, therefore, from an investment and financing perspective. Increasingly, data and evidence suggests that post- Pandemic, many Londoners will want to continue working remotely; and the demand for commercial real estate and office space will fall significantly. It therefore makes little sense to strike out and build another massive new office block in Camden when it is not even clear if the existing offices in the Camden jurisdiction will again be used, or if even existing office space will need to be adapted and reconfigured. I can hardly assume, meanwhile, that Camden Council would be interested in approving a project where the offices stay empty and which ends up being a largely speculative venture.

Thirdly the building does next to nothing to meet a demand that does exist in the area which is for housing and specifically for affordable housing. It is my understanding, in fact, that the project will only provide 12 affordable homes, and of these, only 6 will be social housing.

Finally, it is reliably reported that LabTech have time and time again, eschewed their responsibility to the local community, refusing to hold meetings with community organisers and completely disregarding their requests for modifications in the height, housing and sustainability of the One Museum Street Project.

In view of all these considerations, I sincerely hope that you deny planning permission to this highly controversial and egregious project.

At a time when the need for cooperation has been dramatically highlighted by the Covid Pandemic, the LabTech project on Museum Street is the wrong project at the wrong time. It is highly divisive.

Sincerely,  
Jane Monahan  
Journalist