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Subject: 2021/2954/P One Museum Street - OBJECTION

47 Great Russell Street
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Objection to this proposed development: 2021/2954/P One Museum Street

This proposed development is still far too high and bulky and if it is ever occupied in office use will impose a negative transformation on the area and overload the local infrastructure. Camden cannot ride roughshod over local residents and small businesses already fighting to restore the area to the combination of specialist shops and residential that it once was. We don't need that amount of new office space here.

Such a large development in this location will blight the whole area and the Holborn to and from road access for years during the construction period. It will block pedestrian communication between Covent Garden and the British Museum via Drury Lane. When in use, the influx of office workers will overwhelm the area and encourage more big chain restaurants and retailers pricing out the small, local establishments.

A building of this height will create downdraft and wind blast just as Centre Point has done for 60 years and still does with pedestrians losing their hats and umbrellas and fighting their way through icy and rainy winds. This is just uncivilised and not what local authorities should be promoting. This proposed building is decades out of date and the very antithesis of 'place making' that Camden should be pro-actively promoting and indeed leading. It is also climate-unsound when the vital need now is recycling existing buildings and reducing energy consumption.

Residents don't want this building. Visitors don't want this building. Why does Camden even consider it?

Regards

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