

Planning

Development Management,
Camden Town Hall,
5, Pancras Sq,
N1C 4AG

10th December, 2022

Objection
Reference 2021/2954/P
One Museum Street

I am writing to object to the building of a massive office block at this site. Small changes to the scheme have not substantially changed the original plan.

As a regular visitor to the British Museum, I am horrified that a building of 74m should be contemplated for this site. Such a monster would totally overshadow the surrounding buildings and alter the nature of the area.

There is no case for such a building. It adds a pitiful number of flats for social housing, its 'affordable' units demand an income most local people cannot hope to earn, it demolishes perfectly good homes that already exist.

The environmental impact would be unforgiveable. The new building you propose would require concrete, steel and unacceptable levels of energy, both in the manufacture of the materials, and in the construction. Camden should be working to achieve net zero emissions, not adding to global warming.

The existing building, only 55 years old, can be retro-fitted for a variety of uses, much more appropriate for the local community and the locality than yet another office block.

Future generations will not thank Camden for handing over such a prime site to developers who inevitably put profits first. The Council will be complicit in an act of social, environmental and aesthetic vandalism.

Signed:

Jennifer Davidson (Mrs)