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To: Planning Planning
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Subject: OBJECTION to 2021/2954/P One Museum Street

Dear Camden Council Planning Department,

I write for you to register my OBJECTION to 2021/2954/P One Museum Street.

Please stop the monstrously ugly development and Save Museum Street. Save the elegance of our historic skyline in this important conservation area of London.

Stop your redevelopment plans by gutting or demolishing these distinctly idiosyncratic areas of London that make it a joy to explore for everyone.

Follow the new trend of repurposing old buildings rather than demolishing them, as is being called for by the introduction of a Grade III classification, an idea floated in an Architects' Journal article.

My objections include that the proposal is still too big and bulky, despite the reduction you've already negotiated. Any new developments should be the same height as the surrounding buildings to protect the proportions and unique architecture of Bloomsbury and Covent Garden.

Your offer of 9 low-cost rent homes is a mere increase from 6 and "affordable" units will still require an income of at least £65,000 per year! You are wilfully continuing to sell off London to the rich and non UK residents who do not contribute to UK taxes by "clever" accounting. How does this contribute to your promise of affordable housing and the economy of the country. In addition, new developments need to be in trend with the change of living and working practices since covid lockdown - there is no longer a need for more office spaces in the heart of London. Times are changing and your decisions are not keeping up to date.

Camden claims to be on board with climate targets ignoring research that retrofitting old buildings is best for the environment and that bad for the environment is the introduction of lots of concrete, steel and glass.

Do the right thing by not pandering to developers. Retrofit the Travelodge and repurpose it for the myriad of uses that have already been suggested by the Save Museum Street Campaign.

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