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To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Local Plan 2040 as currently drafted, particularly in relation to Policies HE1, S12, S13, and the Policies Map.

I believe that the plan, in its present form, is unsound for the following reasons:

Firstly, Policy HE1 does not provide sufficient protection for heritage assets. The requirement for development to merely "consider" enhancing conservation areas is inadequate. Instead, active enhancement should be a requirement. Moreover, HE1 fails to adequately protect Bevis Marks Synagogue. The current draft refers to the Synagogue's "immediate setting," a concept that does not exist. Protection should extend to the entire setting of the Synagogue, which is crucial given that it falls within the Tall Buildings Area. The height contours indicated in Figures 14 and 15 clearly impact the Synagogue and its surroundings.

Secondly, the policies on tall buildings, specifically S12 and S13, are insufficient. These policies should not only "take into consideration local heritage assets," as S12(5) suggests, but should also ensure the preservation and enhancement of these assets. Policy S13 should safeguard views of and from Bevis Marks Synagogue in a manner similar to the protections afforded to The Monument, with additional emphasis on the cultural and religious importance of the Synagogue's setting.

Additionally, the existing presumption against tall buildings in Conservation Areas, as stated in Local Plan Policy CS14, must be retained in the new draft. It should also be clarified that the Tall Buildings Area designation does not supersede heritage and townscape considerations.

I reserve the right to modify or expand upon my proposed changes as needed.

Yours faithfully

Dr Amanda Mount