

## City Plan 2040 (draft April 2024) - objections

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To whom it may concern:

I am concerned that the City Plan 2040 (draft April 2024) as it stands is not sound.

Specifically:

1. Policy HE1 (Managing Change to the Historic Environment) does not protect heritage assets. With regard to Bevis Marks Synagogue, as drafted, HE1(8) refers to the Synagogue's defined "immediate setting"; however, no such concept of immediate setting exists. As with other heritage assets, the whole setting of the Synagogue must be protected. This is particularly important because the Synagogue is included in the Tall Buildings Area, and the permissible height contours in Figures 14 and 15 clearly impinge upon the Synagogue and its setting.
2. Strategic Policy S12 (Tall Buildings) and Strategic Policy S13 (Protected Views) are also not adequate. They should not simply "take into consideration local heritage assets" as 12(5) states, but must pay full regard to and preserve and enhance the significance of those assets. S13 should protect views of and from the Synagogue in a similar way to the way The Monument is treated, albeit special regard should also be paid to the culturally and religiously important setting of the Synagogue.
3. The current City of London Local Plan Core Strategic Policy CS14 (Tall buildings) presumption against tall buildings in Conservation Areas must be retained in the new draft. As well, a sentence should be added to clarify that the Tall Buildings Area does not override heritage and townscape considerations.

I reserve the right to add or amend my proposed changes.

Yours faithfully,

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