Grounds for Objection to Local Plan 2040

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To whom it may concern,

In light of recent developments, and further to my two previous written objections to this plan via the online platforms provided, I further wish to inform you that I continue to state my objectio to this development plan in a conservation area as unsound, on the following grounds:

Local Plan 2040 as drafted is not sound. I make this representation generally, but specifically in respect of Policies HE1, S12 and S13 and the Policies Map.

1. HE1 does not adequately protect heritage assets:
It is inconceivable, unsatisfactory and in fact, a mockery, that development should "*consider*" enhancing **conservation areas**; enhancement should be actively sought and pursued. **HE1 also does not adequately protect 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 should 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. S12 and S13 tall buildings policies are also inadequate:
They should not simply "t*ake 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 c**ulturally and religiously important setting** of the Synagogue.

3. The current **Local Plan Policy CS14 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 [and I should welcome being invited to participate in discussion at the Plan's examination].

Yours,

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