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To whom it may concern,

I am making this representation that the Local Plan 2040 as drafted is not sound. I am making this representation generally, but I am also making it specifically in respect of Policies HE1, S12 and S13 as well as the Policies Map.

I consider the draft unsound on the following grounds:

- 1). HE1 does not adequately protect heritage assets at all. It is not enough that development should 'consider' enhancing conservation areas; enhancement areas should be actively sought and actively pursued. In particular, HE1 does not actively protect Bevis Marks Synagogue (referred to by me as 'the 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 "take into consideration local heritage assets" as 12(5) states, but must pay full regard to and preserve and enhance the significance of these 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 Local Plan Policy CS14 presumption against Tall Buildings in Conservation Areas **MUST** be retained in the new draft. It is also important that 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

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