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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 make this representation generally, but specifically in respect of Policies HE1, S12 and S13 and the Policies Map.

I consider the draft unsound on the following grounds:

HE1 does not adequately protect heritage assets. It is not enough that development should “consider” enhancing conservation areas. HE1 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. Particularly important because the Synagogue is included in the Talk Buildings Area, and the permissible height contours in Figures 14 and 15 clearly impinge upon the Synagogue and its setting.

Further, S12 and S13 tall buildings policies are also inadequate. They MUST pay full regard to and preserve and enhance the significance of those assets. S13 SHOULD protect the views of and from the Synagogue and special regard must be paid to the culturally and religiously important setting of the Synagogue.

The current Local Plan Policy CS14 presumption against tall buildings in Conservation Areas must be retained. A sentence should be added to clarify that the Tall Buildings Area does not override heritage and townscape considerations.

Yours, a very concerned member of the S&P Sephardi Community

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