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Although my wife and I live in Oxford, we are members of Bevis Marks Congregation.

I am concerned that the draft City Plan 2040 does not protect the close neighbourhood of Bevis Marks Synagogue, despite the recent rejection of a proposal for the construction of a tall building on a site very near to the Synagogue (31 Bury Steet).

A particular problem arises from the fact that there appears to be no presumption in the new Plan against tall buildings in Conservation Areas. Thus a new proposal for a tall building at 31 Bury Street would not be blocked automatically, as it should be given the crucial importance of the sky view from the Synagogue.

I hope the plan will be revised so as to strengthen the protection given to heritage sites within the City, and in particular to make clear that the Tall Buildings Area will never override the importance of heritage.

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