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To whom it may concern,

I write to communicate profound objection to Planning Application 24/00061

A 45 storey tower would completely dominate the Grade 1 Listed synagogue skyline. Such a building would not be allowed next to St Paul's Cathedral. Judaism observes lunar months: the view of the moon's passage across the sky, and many of the celestial bodies, would be blocked. It would reduce daylight to a trickle. Because of the historic nature of the synagogue, installing additional electric lighting is not feasible. The development site is within the Creechurch Conservation Area. Current planning policy is not to allow tall buildings in Conservation Areas, so there is a direct conflict with the statutory development plan. The plans have been previously turned down and now based on the most cosmetic / superficial amendments being rushed through with an indecent haste. One has to ask why. With the trend to work from home there is no shortage of existing buildings in the locality being repurposed for residential needs. And straight forward applications are also being approved. There is no legal or moral justification for this abomination. It would be a stain on the landscape and also Britain's standing as a tolerant and multi faith society that respects freedom of worship and cultural diversity. It does not sell out on these values which are respected the world over for a cheap buck. Do not permit this unconscionable edifice to go ahead especially as it has been turned down on solid grounds recently.

Sincerely

Dorothy Lampert