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Dear City of London Corporation,

Please see attached my letter of objection to the draft new City Plan 2040.

Kind regards,

Jasvir Singh CBE



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To whom it may concern,

We make this representation on behalf of the Sikh community.

We are naturally concerned with any matters that impact the preservation of faith communities. We have identified the draft Local Plan 2040 as one of those matters given its impact on the surrounds of the British Jewish community's cathedral site of worship, Bevis Marks Synagogue.

We therefore make the following representations regarding the Local Plan 2040 generally, and specifically in respect of Policies HE1, S12 and S13 and the Policies Map.

The draft is unsound on the following grounds:

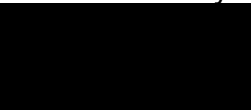
HE1 does not adequately protect heritage assets. It is not enough that development should "consider" enhancing conservation areas; enhancement should be actively **sought and pursued**. HE1 also does not adequately protect Bevis Marks Synagogue. As drafted, HE1(8) refers to the Synagogue's defined "immediate 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.

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 those assets. S13 should protect views of and from the Synagogue in the same way as The Monument is treated.

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 Sincerely



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