

At its meeting on 27 February 2025 the City of London Conservation Area Advisory Committee considered the City Corporation's response to its Regulation 19 submission.

The Committee asked me to write to reinforce its original submission – RO233 in respect of Policy HE1 in Section 11.

The Committee regrets the loss of the statement in the present plan that tall buildings are inappropriate development in conservation areas. The City's Explanatory Note accepts that at least in respect of 85 Gracechurch Street a consent has been granted which breaches this policy. While the Committee welcomes the positive statements in the plan about the value of the City's heritage we believe that weakening the commitment in the present plan not only endangers the character and appearance of the City's conservation areas but gives out the wrong signals to those considering development in such sensitive areas.

The Committee does not wish to be represented in person at the Examination in Public hearings.

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