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Sir

1. I wish to express my concern, as previously about the proposed gargantuan blob-like Silk st proposal. Sadly, this pays no attention to the exiting buildings, or to the Barbican residential and cultural estate, to which it will be so very close.

It simply overwhelms everything, and will bring increasing numbers o commuters (not necessarily a bad outcome!).t

However, one can only conclude that the architects responsible have never visited the site, and know nothing of the importance and high regard in which the Barbican is held, both bay those who liver here, and by the myriads of visitors. Their proposed building is simply grossly out of keeping with the existing developments.

2. Tall buildings - the changes proposed in the regulations need careful perusal. It would not be appropriate to allow such developments close to the Grade 2 listed Barbican estate, which has its own 3 tall blocks with distinctive architectural characteristics.

Any change in the regulations should include protective statements for the existing built environment. May I draw your attention to the delightfully restored Finsbury Circus which should be an exemplar for any future proposals in the City oof London. This development respects the existing buildings height, controls traffic, and provides a wonderful green statement with ample seating. The neighbouring tall buildings have been sensitively designed with blue-tinted glass so that they disappear against the sky, even when it is grey and overcast as at this time of year.

Tall buildings have a place in a modern city, but best clustered together, always respecting the current developments.

Yours etc

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