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**Subject:** Objection to proposed Main Modification MM55

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Dear all,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed Main Modification MM55 in the City Plan 2040, which introduces an exemption allowing redevelopment of existing ‘tall buildings’ (over 75m) to even greater heights, even outside designated Tall Building Clusters. This change undermines the Mayor of London’s strategic policy to cluster tall buildings in defined areas, risking uncontrolled high-rise development across the Square Mile. The City’s data shows over 60 existing tall buildings, including structures in the Barbican/Golden Lane area like [1 Silk Street, City Point](#), Bastion House, and 200 Aldersgate (many qualifying due to roof plant only). This could enable a proliferation of taller skyscrapers dotted throughout the City, creating a chaotic “forest” of towers that harms heritage, residential amenity, views, and the distinctive character of areas like the Barbican.

Such eleventh-hour changes, slipped into the small print before final review, prejudice reasonable objections to nearby proposals like 1 Silk Street and erode public trust in the planning process.

I therefore urge rejection of MM55 to preserve the clustered approach and protect our shared environment.

Please consider this objection in full.

Yours sincerely,

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