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Ref Planning Application 18/AP/4039

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly oppose the planning application 18/AP/4039. The plan includes an office tower of 144m to be placed on top of current buildings (mostly no more than 20 meters high), including several listed Georgian townhouses. The location is right next to the highly historic Borough Market Southwark cathedral. It will form a super high rise cluster and completely destroy the historic characteristics of the neighborhood. It will diminish the preeminence of the Shard as a unique London landmark.

It is environmentally damaging: blocking light during the day, generating light pollution at night, emitting more greenhouse gases, adding traffic and noise, putting pressure on local resources such as water and rubbish removal, exacerbate wind tunnel effects.

It follows the legacy of super office blocks at the city center which requires expensive real estate and workers enduring long commute, instead of the future way of working that encourages WFH and flexible working.

Most importantly, it does not help the local community and under-privileged citizens as the monolithic glass towers inevitably create barriers that segregate the rich from the poor and sterilize the community and take vibrant street life away.

Please help to reject this application.

Yours truly,

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