

Planning & Transportation Committee – 26th October 2021

Addendum for Agenda item 4

Planning applications 20/00631/FULMAJ and 20/00632/LBC: Custom House

Additional late representations

- A. A further 3 letters of representations have been received in objection to the scheme. These are not considered to raise any further matters of objection to those already listed on pages 101-104 of the committee report.

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Planning Applications 20/00632/LBC and 20/00631/FULMAJ: OBJECTION
Date: 25 October 2021 10:29:23

From: Andrew Shields [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 October 2021 11:36
To: PLN - Comments <PLNComments@cityoflondon.gov.uk>; Moss, Alastair [REDACTED]
Subject: Planning Applications 20/00632/LBC and 20/00631/FULMAJ: OBJECTION

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I am writing to lodge an objection to the stated planning applications.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

1. The exclusivity of the luxury hotel development contradicts the City of London's policy as outlined in the City Plan 2036, which gives preference to 'office-led cultural use,' as part of the City's ambition to open heritage spaces to attract a wider cultural demographic.
2. The hotel development will destroy suites of Georgian offices that are a unique survival.
3. The hotel development will add two light box pavilions as bars on the roof which will compromise the principal frontage.

In my view, the offshore leaseholders of the Custom House want to undertake an unsympathetic and destructive conversion of this listed Grade I historic building into a luxury hotel when it should be put back to public use for all Londoners.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: FW: OBJECTION - Planning Applications 20/00632/LBC and 20/00631/FULMAJ
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Cc: Moss, Alastair [REDACTED]
Subject: OBJECTION - Planning Applications 20/00632/LBC and 20/00631/FULMAJ

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To whom it may concern, I refer to the planning application for the City of London's Custom House to be made into a commercial hotel.

I object in the strongest possible way. To allow this application to proceed would be a terrible waste of what is a unique opportunity for the city of London to create what could, and I believe, should be a world class public space in which Londoners (and visitors) can enjoy both its unique position on the Thames and share in the unique history of the building, its internal spaces, and the history of London's trade with the rest of the world.

What is not needed, either here or indeed anywhere else in London, is yet another hotel that adds nothing to the local environment nor the happiness and wellbeing of the people that would be impacted by such an awful development.

Once gone it can never be replaced, so don't, please don't allow such a wonderful Georgian building to be trashed this way, David Penney.

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Cc: Moss, Alastair [REDACTED]
Subject: Planning Applications 20/00632/LBC and 20/00631/FULMAJ: OBJECTION

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Dear Sir,

I wish to object to this planning application for the following reasons:

- The Customs House is a historic, Grade 1 listed building and belongs in the public domain, to serve the general public, not a restricted elite.
- Use as a hotel would restrict access by the general public to the area around the building; it is crucial that the public is able to access both the interior of the building and the riverside areas.
- It deserves sympathetic conservation because of its history; not wholesale re-engineering.
- The proposed redevelopment will result in the destruction of Georgian offices which are unique because of their survival for so long.
- The City of London's City Plan 2036 gives preference to 'office-led cultural use,' as part of the City's ambition to open heritage spaces to attract a wider cultural demographic.
- The hotel development will add two light box pavilions as bars on the roof which will compromise the principal frontage and damage the skyline and various views of the building, particularly from the south bank of the river.

For all these reasons, I ask you to reject the application.

Yours faithfully

John Francis

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