

CHAPTER 6.0

## PUBLIC REALM





## 6.0 Public Realm Engaging the Public

### 6.1

The Institute is located north of the British Library and west of St Pancras International in an urban block bounded by Ossulston Street to the west, Brill Place to the north and Midland Road to the east. The neighbourhood to the west and north is largely residential and includes the Purchase Street Open Space immediately to the north of the site.

### 6.2

The architecture strives to celebrate the public programme offered by UKCMRI. By setting the public entrance at ground level, it will be welcoming and accessible. The building will provide space for lectures, exhibitions, and scheduled access to a teaching laboratory.

### 6.3

The way the building contributes to the local environment has informed the ground floor planning. The social spaces, meeting and dining areas located at ground floor level give the building a lively feel for passers-by. Towards the west on Ossulston Street the end of the building has been reshaped to create a new courtyard garden – a lawn framed by trees and benches – that will benefit from afternoon sunlight.



Fig 6-1. Site plan



Fig 6-2. Indicative model photo of building in context