Elevational Detail 8.0 Roof

8. 18

The roof by contrast to the body of the building is light metal. It will reflect the colour of the sky. It is intended to be a delicate foil to the more robust detail of the body of the building.

8. 19

The distinctive vaulted roof recalls the form of the adjacent Barlow Shed at St Pancras International. As in the station, the delicate engineering of the roof is contrasted with the heavier masonry of the main body of the building creating richly textured elevations at street level.

8.20

The vaulted roof is arranged into two shells which step down towards the north. The lower northern side of the building reflects the smaller scale of Somers Town across Brill Place. The roof and massing step back from Ossulston Street on the west framing a new community garden.

8.21

The geometry of the roof curves away from the perimeter of the building. In local views, the mass of the building recedes behind the parapet of the main body.

8. 22

In distant views, the entirety of the roof volume comes into view, celebrating UKCMRI and its relationship to other world class institutions as well as the adjacent St Pancras International and British Library.

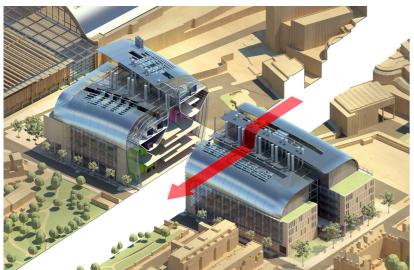


Fig 8-18. Massing steps down on North side to relate to Somers Town



Fig 8-19. Diagrammatic model view looking south over St Pancras International