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2022/1041/P	Alastair Cliff	06/04/2022 15:53:07	OBJ	Whilst the expansion the British Library would be a positive for the area and London as a whole, the design as proposed is of poor quality and out of context with the surrounding area. The current design is that of a second-rate generic and ugly office block which is completely out of place next to both St Pancras Station and the existing British Library building, both of which are listed buildings of architectural and historic interest and importance. The design of extension should seek to respond to this context, creating a building worthy of its intended use and respectful of its surroundings. The current design does neither. Unfortunately quality of design rarely seems to matter in planning considerations when it should; the city is being marred by over-sized, lumpen and ugly developments which - due to their poor design quality - will only be demolished in several decades to be replaced by something else (often just as mediocre.) The design is unworthy of its site and its important cultural role - it should be rejected and the design returned to the drawing board.

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