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(Land to the North of the British Library) 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB

Dear Jennifer Walsh,
Planning Reference 2022/1320/L and 2022/1041/P

I have been informed of a commercial office building development that will involve the Grade 1 Listed British Library group of buildings to have an adjustment to the existing boundary.

My involvement through my professional practice during the last century with the colleagues of the firm of Odeleye architects who joined with our firm Whicheloe Macfarlane for the proposed National Library for the Republic of Nigeria. This was an important appointment involving the help of academic specialists in the field of libraries and also with people in the United States and Canada.

Our work on the project was influenced by the British Library then underway in the local government of Camden and your planning responsibilities.

During the early years we also saw changes that brought some moves from our firm which led to one of our architect members, Peter Denney Dip Arch., RIBA., to take up an important post in the practice of Colin St John Wilson and this connection brought our team into awareness of the excellent progress underway for the completion of the British Library. In my retirement it has been possible to enjoy this library and the whole environment of this most impressive and marvellous achievement by British architects.

This why I am moved to oppose the application for planning permission by the firm Rogers,Stirk,Harbour in order to make considerable extensions to this most precious example of architecture in our capital city. I wish to oppose this unsupportable proposal and to be able to be sure that legal pressure be put on your planning authority to support an action for a Call In of any acceptance by the politically misled media press.
I wish to help with any action that you need to help with stopping this proposal from getting planning permission.

Regards

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