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[REDACTED] objection against reference 2022/1041/P.

Thank you

Jennifer Walsh
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From: Geraint John <[REDACTED]>
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Dear Jennifer Walsh ,

British Library
Planning Ref [REDACTED] and 2022/1041/P

I want add my objections to those already made , re the proposed scheme designed by the Rogers Stirk Harbour . I am surprised by the fact that a firm of such architectural eminence has produced a scheme so dominated by an imbalance between commercial space and provision for the library.

It simply is insensitive over development adjacent to a Grade 1 listed National Library building . This building is much loved , much respected and much admired , and any dilution of its site presence must be resisted .

A ten storey wall of offices will subsume the North elevation. The Grade 1 listed building would face an immense wall of largely commercial development . Some functions like the library`s Conservation Centre would be damaged, as would the views from the social accommodation ..

The original design took into account. its sensitive location adjacent to St Pancras Station and Hotel ., and created a scale and setting .which fitted with its site so admirably .

The current scheme must be resisted at all costs. It is a threat to one of our great examples of modern architecture .

Yours sincerely

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