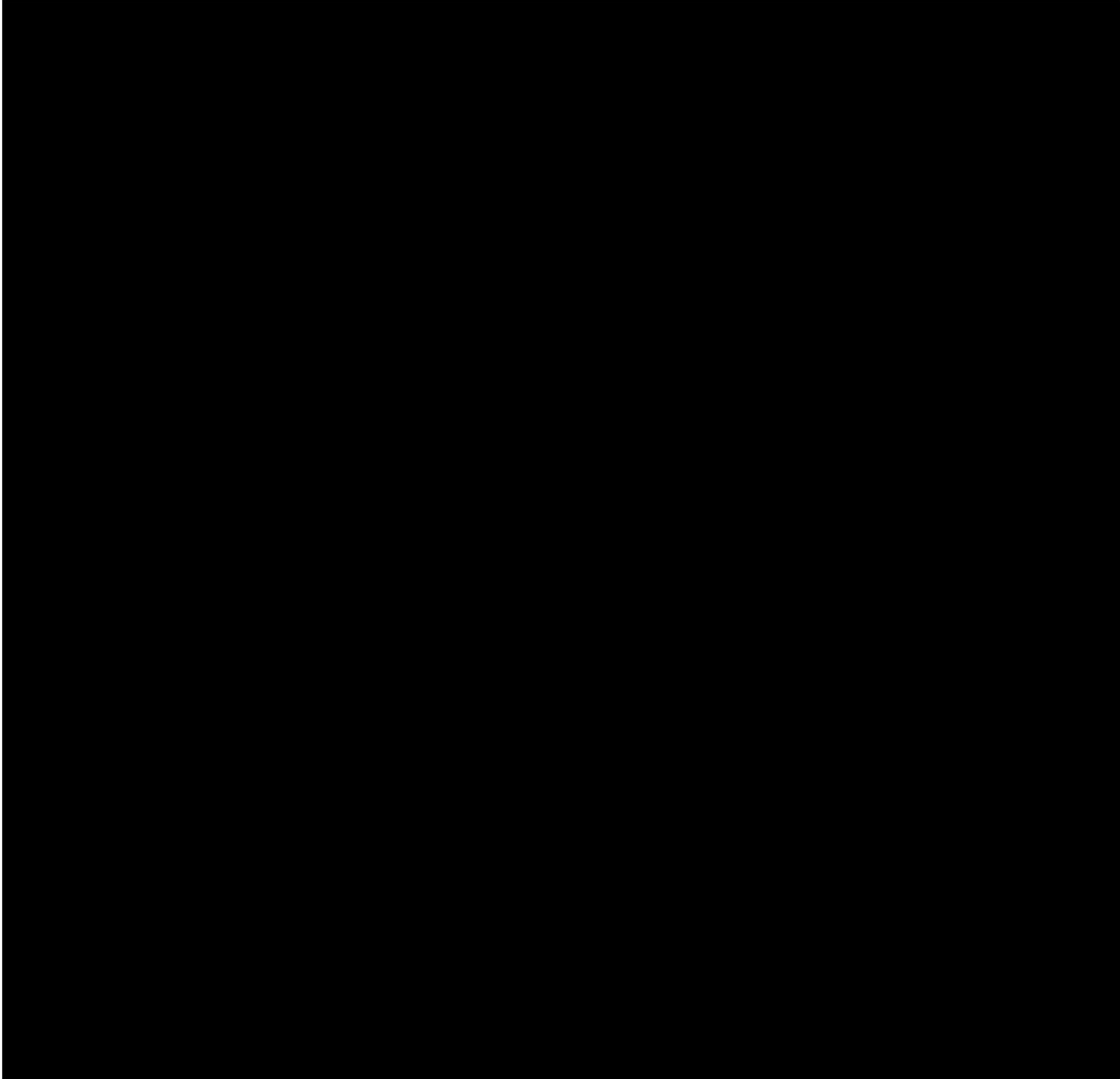


Rafi Miah




Dear Jennifer

Forgive this direct email but I failed to access the Camden Planning Portal which makes me think the Bristol one is rather good!

However I decided to inspect the planning exhibition/documents at the British Library a few days ago and have to say that I was left wondering how such an over-bearing building, of whatever quality, could be considered appropriate as an addition to Wilson/Long's Grade1 listed British Library building, adjacent to the Grade1 listed St Pancras Station, making it a remarkable London site by any standards. I see that Historic England are not objecting which only slightly surprises me knowing how easily they seem to lose their critical faculties when faced with big name architects!

I have the highest regards for Rogers Stirk Harbour but we are now seeing too many examples of what would otherwise be totally unacceptable and out of scale developments being passed for planning. I ask that what currently looks like a stampede towards approval being delayed and time be given to reconsider what might be architecturally appropriate for this vitally important site.



Yours sincerely

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What is the city but the people?' William Shakespeare