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To: Planning Planning
Subject: FW: British Library Planning Objection to proposed adjacent building
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Hello, Please could you log this against planning reference number 2022/1041/P

Thank you
Jen

Jennifer Walsh
Deputy Team Leader



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**BRITISH LIBRARY –
Planning objection to proposed adjacent building.**

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

With reference to the planning submission from Rogers Stirk Harbour and Partners for a proposed new building to the north of the Grade 1 Listed British Library, I wish to lodge an objection on the following grounds:

1. The proximity of this proposal in relation to the north elevation of the library requires that special consideration be given to the relationship and the relative scale of any new adjacent developments to avoid an overpowering impact on the existing Grade 1 library building.

The proposal fails to do that and also fails to satisfy the requirement that new developments should enhance the setting of designated heritage assets.

2. The height and depth of the commercial space proposed facing the library appears excessive as indicated on drawing RSHP-P-1301-S-CO1 which would have a detrimental effect not only on the daylighting of the north facing rooms and landscaped terraces of the library, but also have a most profound impact on their outlook.

I feel that the proposed section indicating a 'deep plan' concept is over developed contrary to current thinking on energy conservation and the quality of the work environment.

These proposals do not measure up to the requirements for the conservation of a Grade 1 Listed Building.

I therefore request that your Council refuses Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission for the current proposals.

Yours sincerely

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