



Planning Department  
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Dear Camden Council's Planning Department,

**Letter of support for proposals for the British Library Extension (BLE)**

I am writing on behalf of the Knowledge Quarter to state our support of the British Library and SMBL's proposals for the British Library extension, planning application reference number 2022/1041/P.

Located at the heart of the Knowledge Quarter (KQ), the commercial space will provide vital extra space to increase the capacity and diversity of the KQ business community as well as the life science ecosystem that is developing in and around St Pancras and Kings Cross.

We understand that the commercial spaces of the project will cater for both office and science operations and accommodate large, medium and small enterprises. The 'lab-enabled commercial space' on floors 2-7 in the southern building of the extension, contains all the necessary critical items of specification and design to build in sufficient primary capacity to support a wide range of environments; namely sufficient structural stability and loading to reduce vibration, enlarged floor to floor heights, provision for cooling, ventilation and extract (centrally and on-floor), enhanced power and servicing.

We understand that the extension will provide affordable workspace for KQ occupiers, which is welcomed to support start-ups and ensure a diverse set of occupiers. The Somers Town Compact is also supported and will assist in improving opportunities for the local community to also benefit in the KQ's growth.

We also support the wider deliverables for the project, which includes:

- A new headquarters for The Alan Turing Institute.
- Approximately 100,000 sq ft of new space for the British Library, including spaces for events and exhibitions to compliment and add variety to the living ecosystem.
- A new publicly accessible Foyer space with areas for library, business, family activities and events, which will help develop a meaningful community at the heart of the project.
- New retail and F&B spaces to service the lives of occupiers and visitors, adding further vitality to the ecosystem.
- A new and expanded learning centre for schools and students of all ages.
- New, green outdoor spaces including a community garden on Ossulston Street.

- Opportunities for jobs, training and apprenticeships both during construction and when completed.

I would like to thank you for considering this letter and hope that these plans are approved so that this vision can be realised for the site.

Yours sincerely,

Jodie Eastwood



**Knowledge Quarter London**