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To Whom it May Concern,

**Re: 2022/1041/P**

I am writing in support of the application reference 2022/1041/P submitted by SMBL Developments and the British Library regarding the expansion of the British Library. MedCity is the cluster organisation representing the health and life sciences sector for London and the London. We are a not for profit organisation established by the Greater London Authority and the London's Academic Health Science Centres (Imperial College Academic Health Science Centre, UCL Partners and Kings Health Partners). Our mission is to accelerate cutting edge innovation for the health and wealth of the population.

MedCity have had the pleasure of providing input to Camden on a number of life science related issues, participated in the STEM events and are also proud to have supported Camden council by advising on the area plan for the Euston redevelopment. We have worked hard with the developers Stanhope and Mitsui Fudosan in the conceptualisation of the British Library Extension project and we would like to use this opportunity to voice our support for expansion proposal **2022/1041/P**. The application will build on the existing foundations of life science activity in the locality and will play a vital role in strengthening world-leading life sciences cluster in Knowledge Quarter. The new development will create much-needed life sciences space, for which there is high demand in London ([MedCity Demand report 2021](#)). New space will become available for academic research and also provide opportunities for businesses to co-locate with leading research institutions (Crick Institute, Alan Turing Institute). Planned expansion will also include provisions for affordable lab space for local SMEs and start-ups including life sciences SMEs which, according to our research, is desperately needed in the city.

We are especially pleased that Library expansion project will include publicly available spaces for community engagement: library, events and exhibition spaces and new expanded learning centre for schools and students. MedCity research identified placemaking and training/educational



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opportunities as key benefits that life sciences co-location can bring to local communities ([MedCity Community Dynamics report](#)).

We therefore believe the Library expansion brings with it the opportunity to see meaningful and lasting changes that will be beneficial to the whole community.

Your sincerely,

**Neelam Patel**