

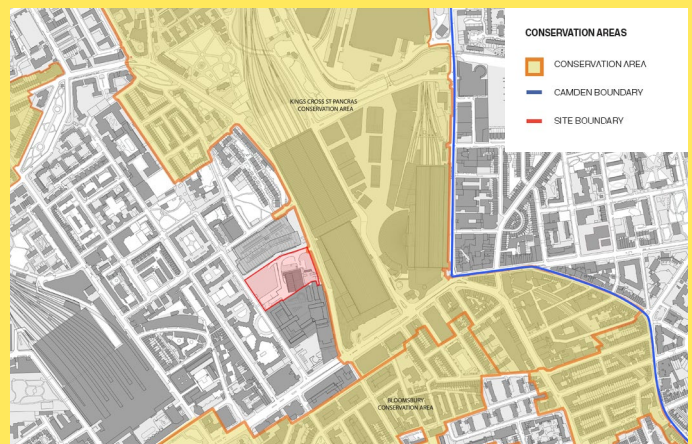
THE SITE TODAY

The site for the proposals is largely undeveloped, but has historically been earmarked for an extension. This is because the original designs of the British Library included three phases of development extending over the extension site. However, only the first substantial phase was delivered, which is the British Library as we know it today.

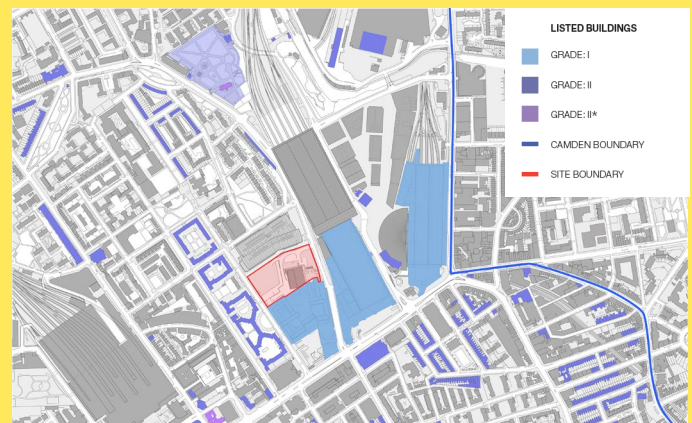
Today, the site is 2.8 acres in size and borders the existing British Library. It houses the British Library Centre for Conservation (which was built later and is not listed), as well as the Library's loading bay, some staff parking and access roads. Also located on the site is the Story Garden, which is a temporary urban food growing garden built for and by the local community, which is run by Global Generation.

Neither the British Library and extension site fall within a designated conservation area but are close to the King's Cross Conservation Area, as well as the Regent's Canal and Bloomsbury Conservation Areas.

The site is also close to a number of important listed buildings such as the original British Library Building (Grade I Listed), King's Cross Station (Grade I Listed), the roof of St. Pancras Station and St. Pancras Chambers (both Grade I Listed) and the Ossulston Estate (Grade II Listed).



Conservation areas near the British Library extension site as highlighted in yellow



Listed buildings near the British Library extension site as highlighted