



View of the proposed British Library extension from Midland Road

CONSULTATION FOR THE BRITISH LIBRARY EXTENSION NOW OPEN ONLINE

We're excited to share more details about our planned extension of the British Library, following information we sent to you earlier this year. We'd really like to hear your thoughts on our plans.

The project will open up the area with:

- New and improved open, green public spaces including a large new foyer area.
- A new learning centre for schools and learners of all ages.
- New spaces for exhibitions and events.
- An extended Business & IP Centre (BIPC) offering increased support and work spaces for local businesses and start-ups.

You can now see our full designs online, along with information about the consultation that has taken place so far and how this has helped us to develop our plans. These plans are being put forward by the British Library and SMBL Developments (a joint venture between Stanhope Plc and Mitsui Fudosan UK Ltd).

We would like to hear your feedback on the proposals ahead of a planning application to Camden Council later this summer.

You can see the updated designs online at
www.blextension.co.uk



Meet us in person

We're continuing to follow government guidelines on social distancing and currently only able to meet with small groups. We hope to hold larger events later this year so we can meet many more of you in person and talk through our plans.

Receive information by post

If you'd like to be sent the consultation materials by post please get in touch on:



0800 307 7968



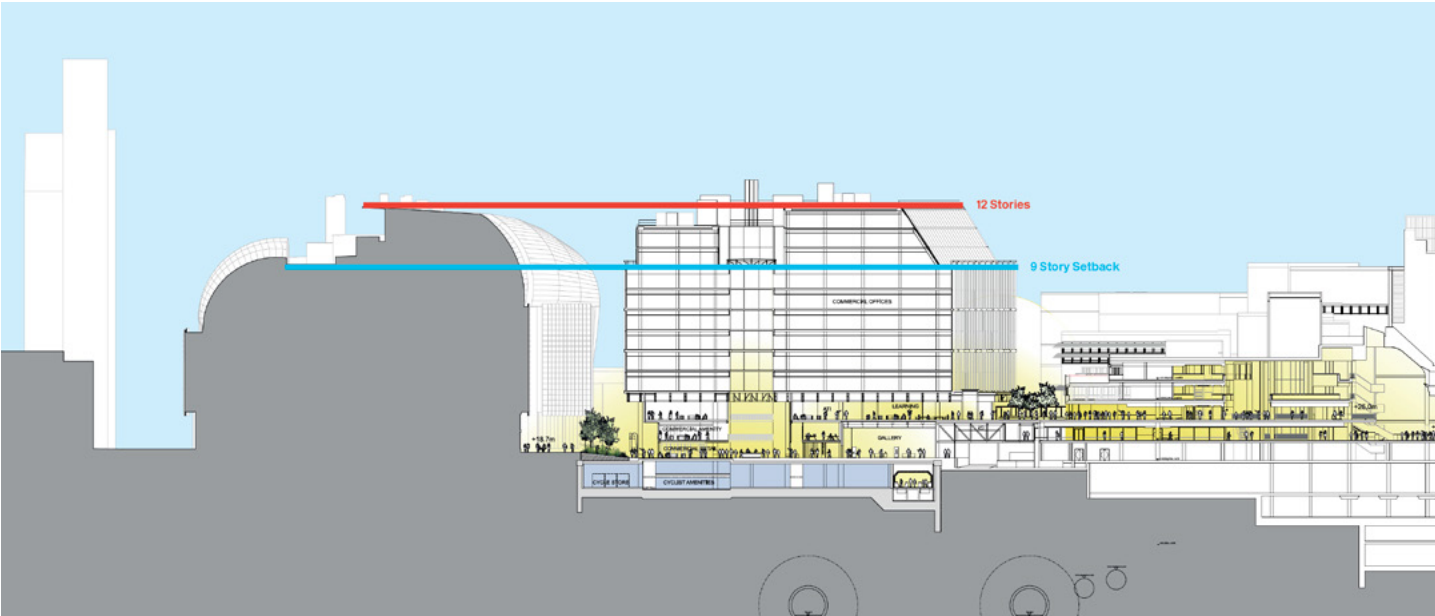
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WHAT THE BRITISH LIBRARY EXTENSION PROJECT WILL DELIVER

- Approximately 100,000 sq. ft of new space for the British Library, including spaces for events and exhibitions to bring the area to life.
- A new learning centre for schools and students of all ages.
- Increased support and free or affordable work spaces for local SMEs and start-ups within an expanded BIPC.
- More welcoming entrances to the British Library on Midland Road and Ossulston Street.
- New outdoor spaces for everyone to enjoy, including a community garden on Ossulston Street.
- A new publicly accessible Foyer space with areas for library, business, family activities and community events.
- Opportunities for jobs, training and apprenticeships both during construction and when completed.
- A new headquarters for The Alan Turing Institute.
- New commercial space for businesses, providing more job opportunities for local people.
- A sustainable building that is sensitive to the surrounding historic buildings and residents.



Aerial view of the site before the Story Garden was created (left) and an image to show what the proposed British Library extension could look like on completion (right)



Cross section showing heights of the extension and internal foyer area

FINDINGS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We want to hear from everyone in our community, including those who may not usually engage in this kind of consultation.

We’ve been working closely with local groups, including the West Euston Partnership, KCBNA, Somali Youth Development Centre, Somers Town Space CIC and Age UK Camden, to better understand how we can seek the views of all local people. As a result, we aim to:

- **Work in partnership with the community**, involving them in planning decisions and the planning of activities.
- **Showcase local heritage and cultures**, to enable everyone to feel welcome and included in what goes on.
- **Support local young entrepreneurs and businesses**, building on the existing services and support offered by the British Library.
- **Collaborate with local people on job and training opportunities**, as well as events and other opportunities for networking.
- **Support learning and provide study opportunities for people of all ages**, from school children to adults.

WHAT THE BRITISH LIBRARY EXTENSION PROJECT WILL LOOK LIKE

- The extension comprises of two blocks, both running from east-to-west. These are connected by an internal foyer space.
- The first three floors of the proposed extension will consist predominantly of the new British Library space, as well as retail and the entrances to the commercial space. The British Library space will include a new foyer, gallery and event space, and expand the learning and business centre.
- The foyer space will run through the middle of the two block and will be 8 storeys high. At the ground floor, this space will be a significant piece of internal public realm and will be programmed with Library, business and community events.
- Above the British Library space will be commercial space enabled for laboratory use for businesses and organisations who are attracted to the Knowledge Quarter, as well as affordable workspace.
- At the set-back upper floors, there will be two floors of office accommodation on the northern block, and three floors on the southern block.

Thank you to all those residents who have given up their time to share these valuable insights.

If you want to hear more about this work or ways to get involved, please get in touch with the British Library community team at communityengagement@bl.uk



View of the proposed foyer entrance from Dangoor Walk

We will continue to develop the designs and would still like to hear your thoughts on the project. You can find out more and let us know by contacting us through one of the following ways:



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If you don't have access to the internet, please call us on the freephone number above and we would be happy to send you a hard copy of the latest consultation materials in the post.

If someone you know would like to receive this newsletter or any other information, please get in touch and we can arrange for them to be sent.

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