

An architectural rendering of the British Library extension, a modern multi-story building with a prominent teal glass facade and red structural elements. The building is set in an urban environment with other buildings and pedestrians visible. A semi-transparent teal banner is overlaid across the center of the image, containing white text.

BRITISH LIBRARY EXTENSION

CONSTRUCTION WORKING GROUP MEETING

18 MAY 2026

CONSTRUCTION WORKING GROUP - AGENDA

Introductions

Minutes of the last meeting

- Matters arising

Works update

- Construction Management Plan update
- Complaints, enquiries, activations
- Site accommodation installation dates

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INTRODUCTIONS

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Apologies
 - Jim Allen
 - Ann Stannard
 - Charles Walford
 - Sarah Wright
- Housekeeping



MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

CHAIR

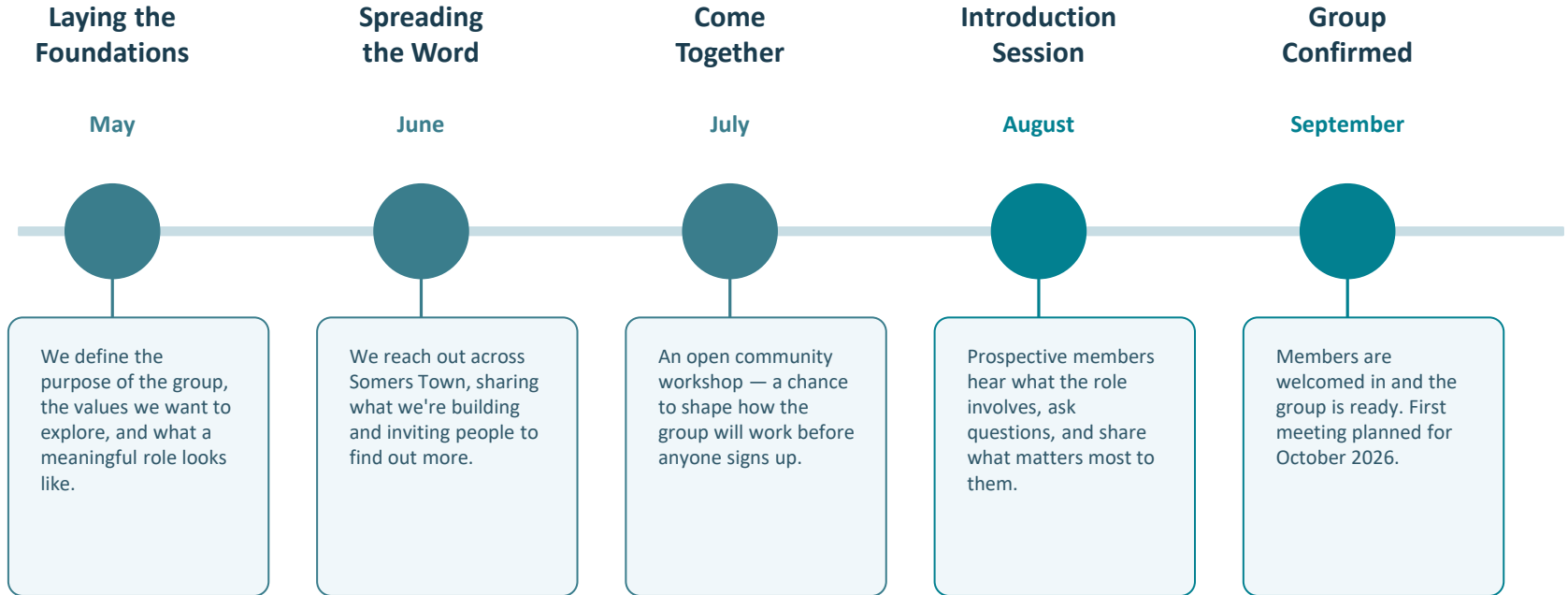
MINUTES

- To APPROVE the minutes of the April 2026 meeting
- Matters arising
 - To receive an update following the discussions at the last meeting (Salima Abdallah)
 - To provide feedback on the May Construction update (David Demolder)

Residents' Social Values Group

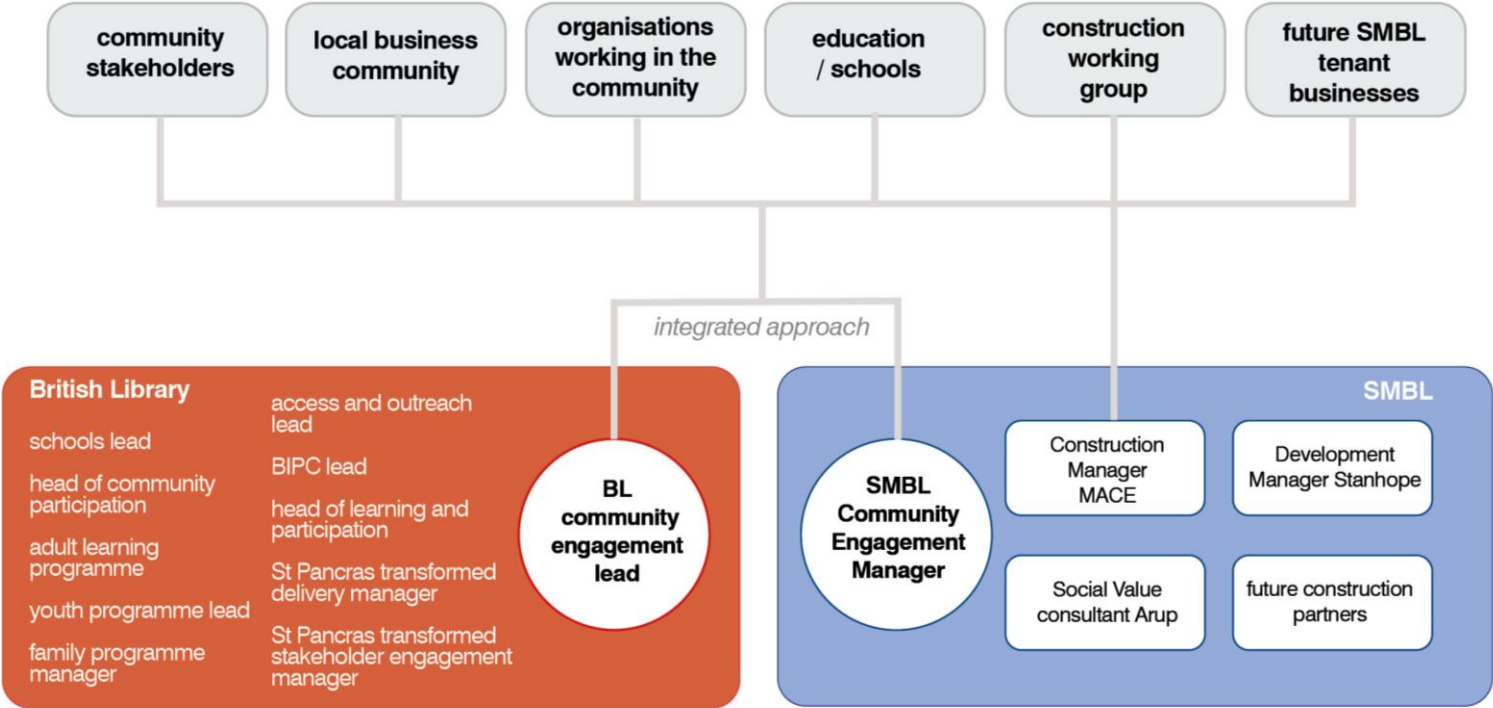
British Library Extension Project

Our journey — May to September 2026



the Social Value Framework structure

British Library Extension Project



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - COMMENTS

Construction Update – May 2026 BRITISH LIBRARY EXTENSION



Continuation of site preparation works (map locations 1 2 3 4 5)

Starting installation of our site accommodation (6 7)

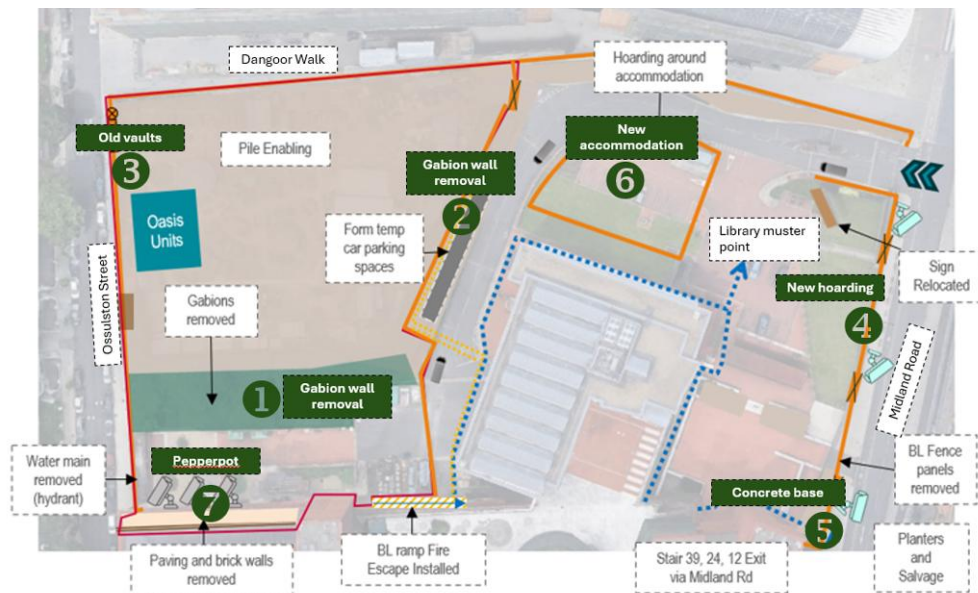
Getting ready to demolish the “Pepperpot” (8)

Dear neighbour,

During May and early June we will continue preparations for our main works, due to start in July. This will include clearing the site of retaining walls to give us a firm surface to start creating foundations for the British Library extension. We will also get ready for the arrival of our new site accommodation. These will provide offices, changing facilities and storage for our site workers. We will also get ready for the demolition of the “Pepperpot” staircase at the back of the Library.

In locations 1 2 we will remove the retaining walls, made up of metal baskets containing rocks. This will create a firm surface for creating foundations. At 3 temporary parking spaces will be created as we are placing our site accommodation on existing ones.

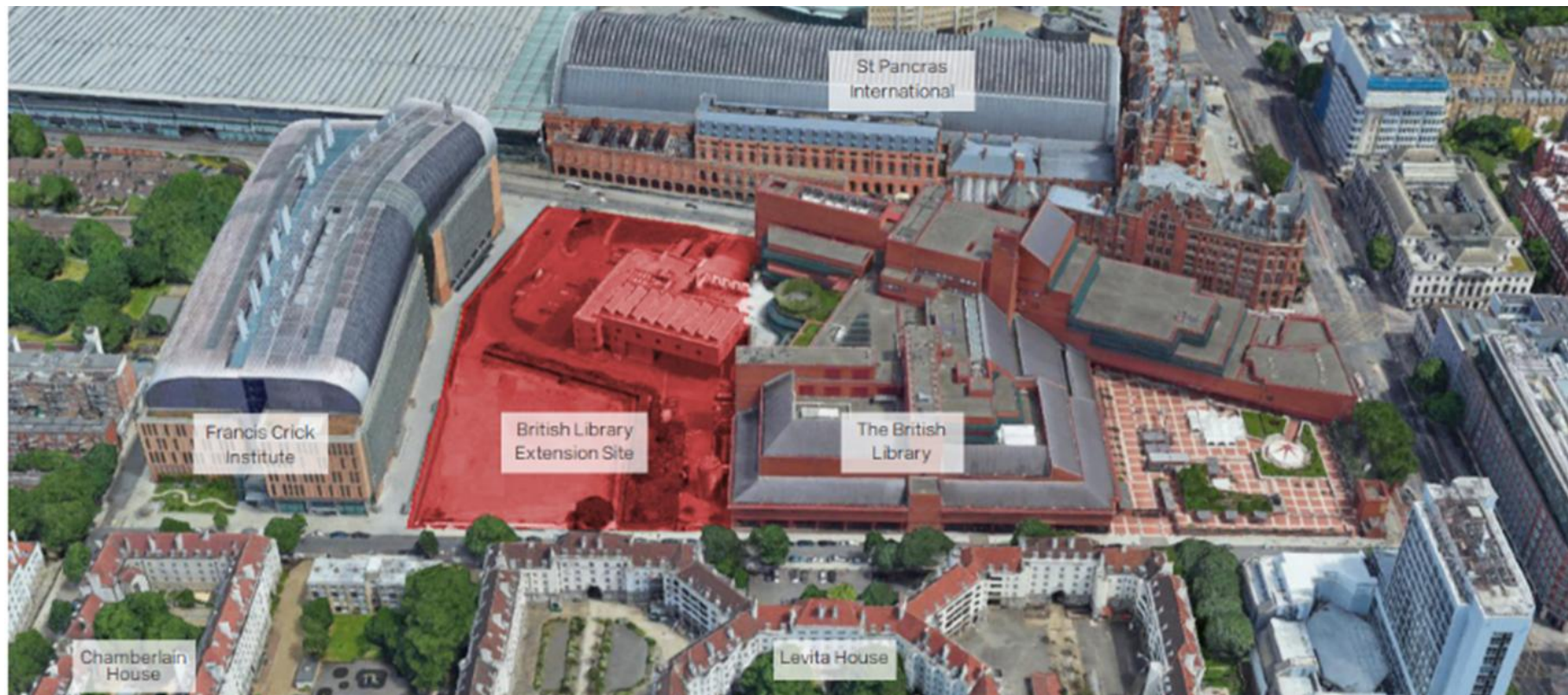
At 4 there are old brick underground vaults which we need to drill through to prepare for creating pile foundations. We will keep noise below permitted levels and damp down any dust. 5 We will complete the hoarding and gates along Midland Road and ensure the cycle lane can be used safely with vehicles accessing the site. At 6 we will be creating a base for a new substation. At 7 we will create foundations for our site accommodation. In July we will start to demolish the freestanding staircase. To get ready for this we need to remove existing paving, block up doors from the Library and divert the emergency escape route.



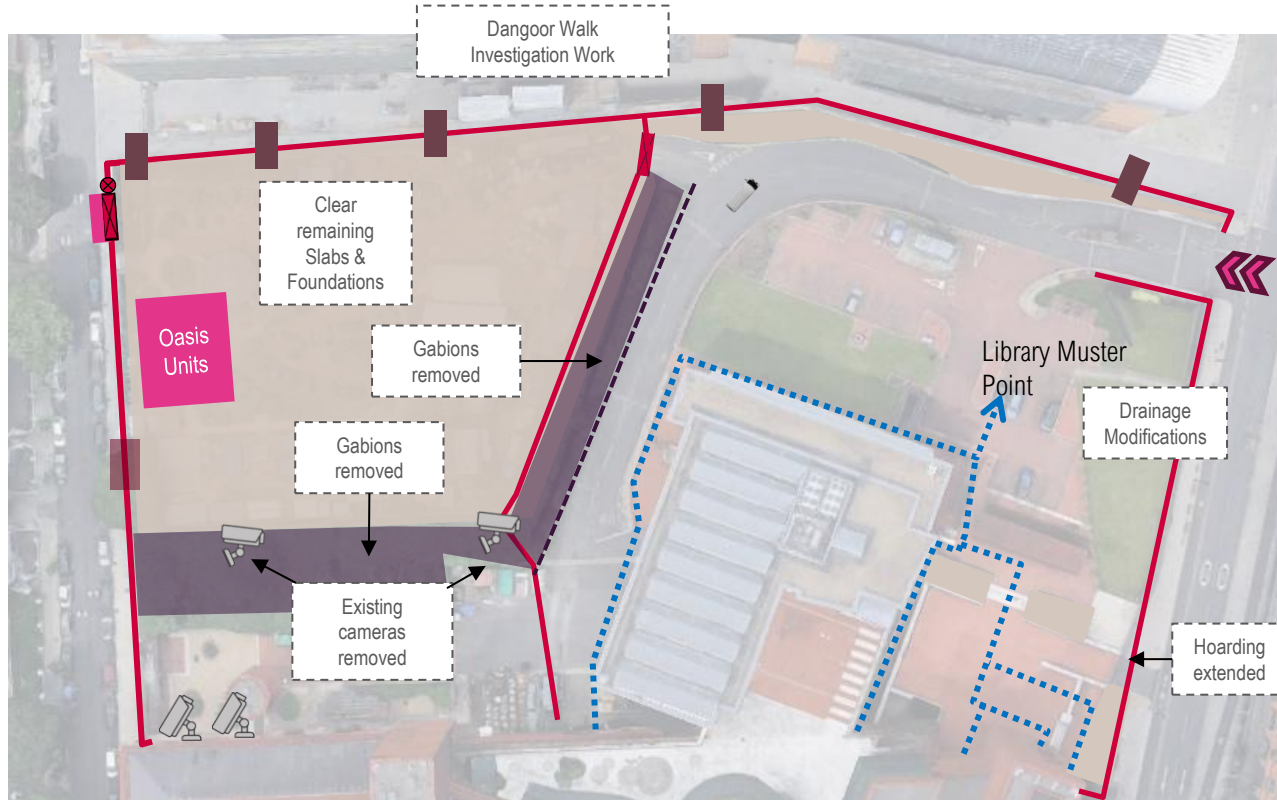
WORKS UPDATE

GRAHAM BARTER

SITE - CONTEXT

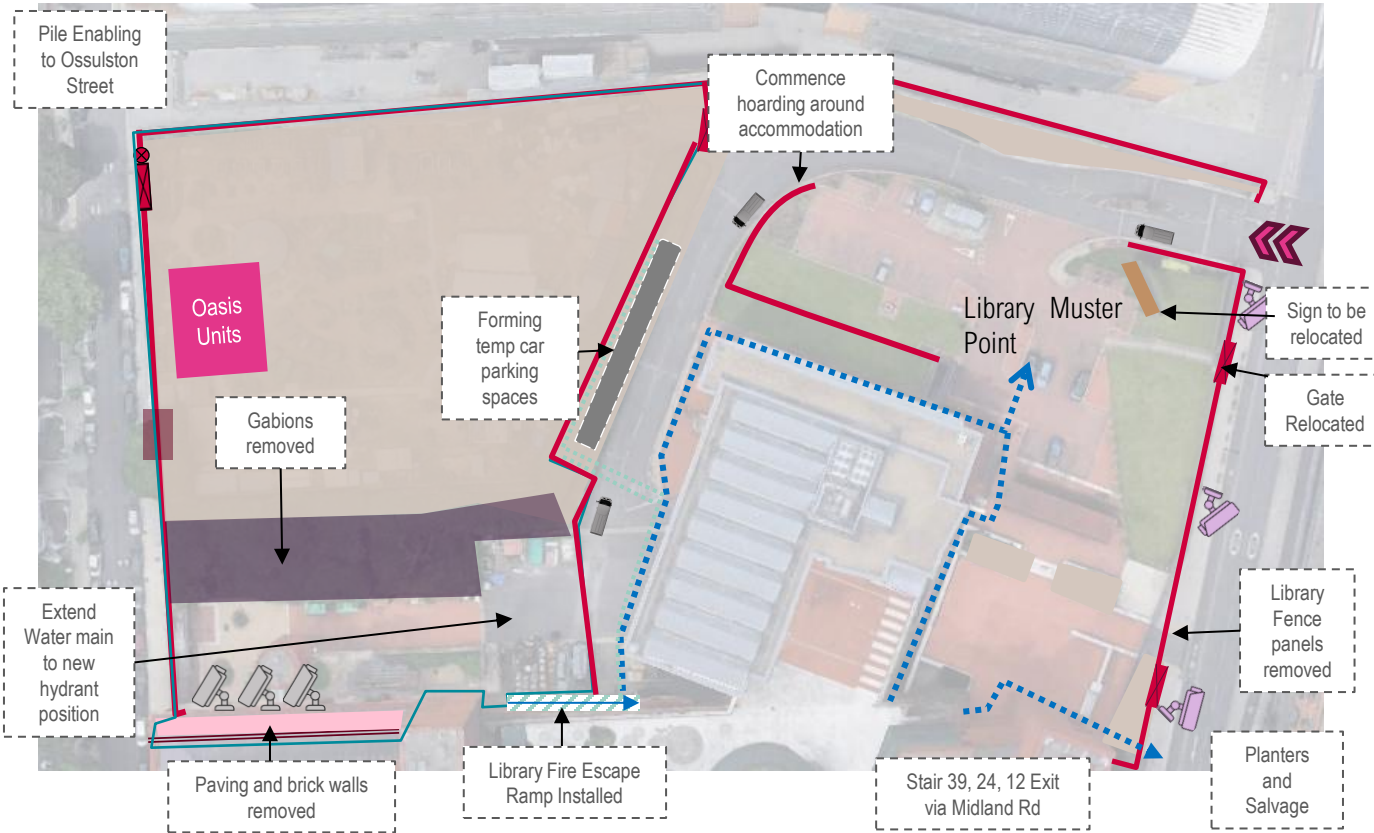


MAY 26



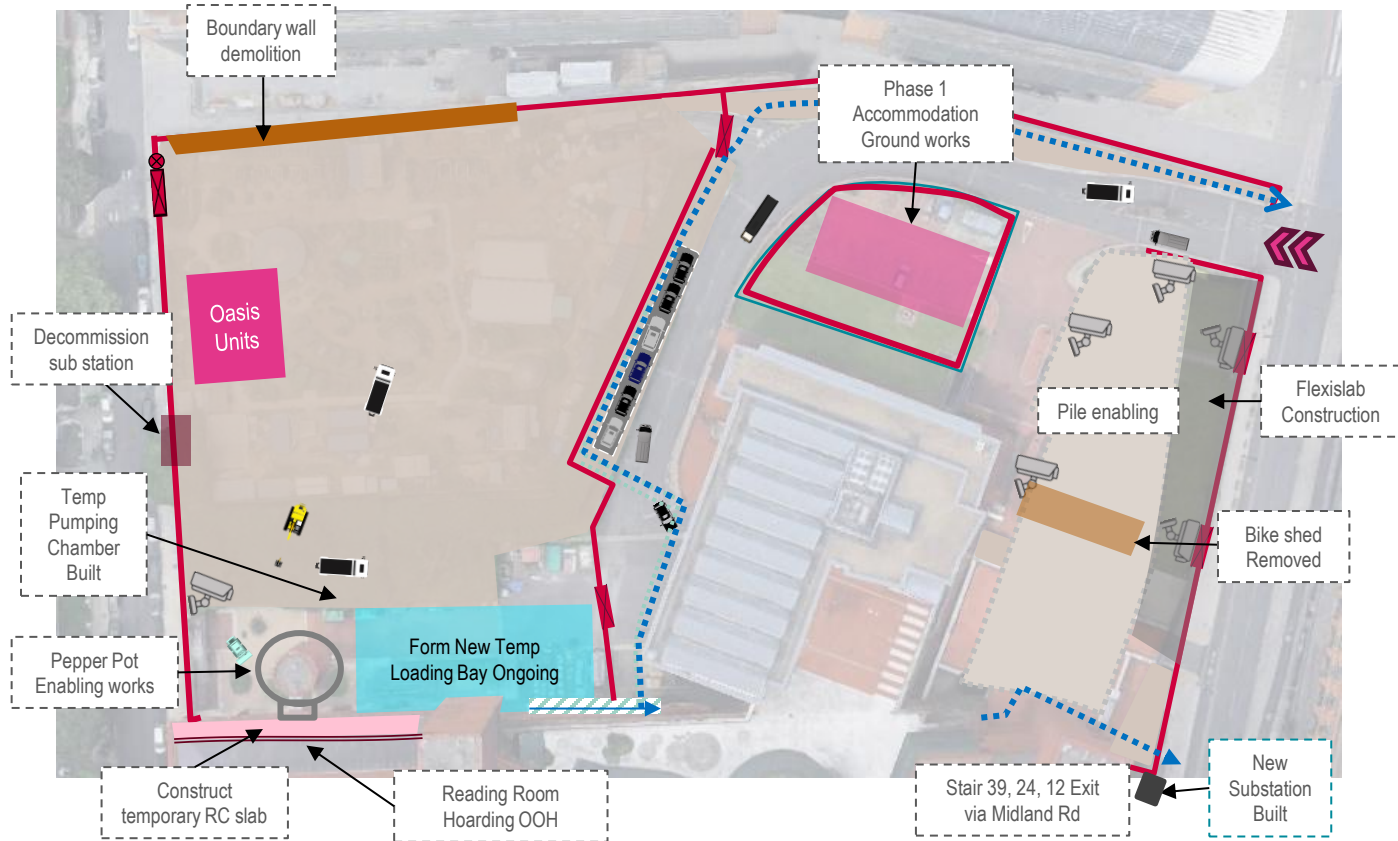
- **Site Establishment**
- **Existing cameras removed (15 & 46)**
 - Cast base w/c 5th May
 - Move camera w/c 11th May
- **Gabions removal – Commence car parking 26th May**
- **Investigations along Dangoor Walk**
 - Existing FCI Fire Main
 - FCI Electric Feeds to Light
 - Locate existing L wall Toe
- **Midland Road hoardings extended**

JUNE (1ST HALF)



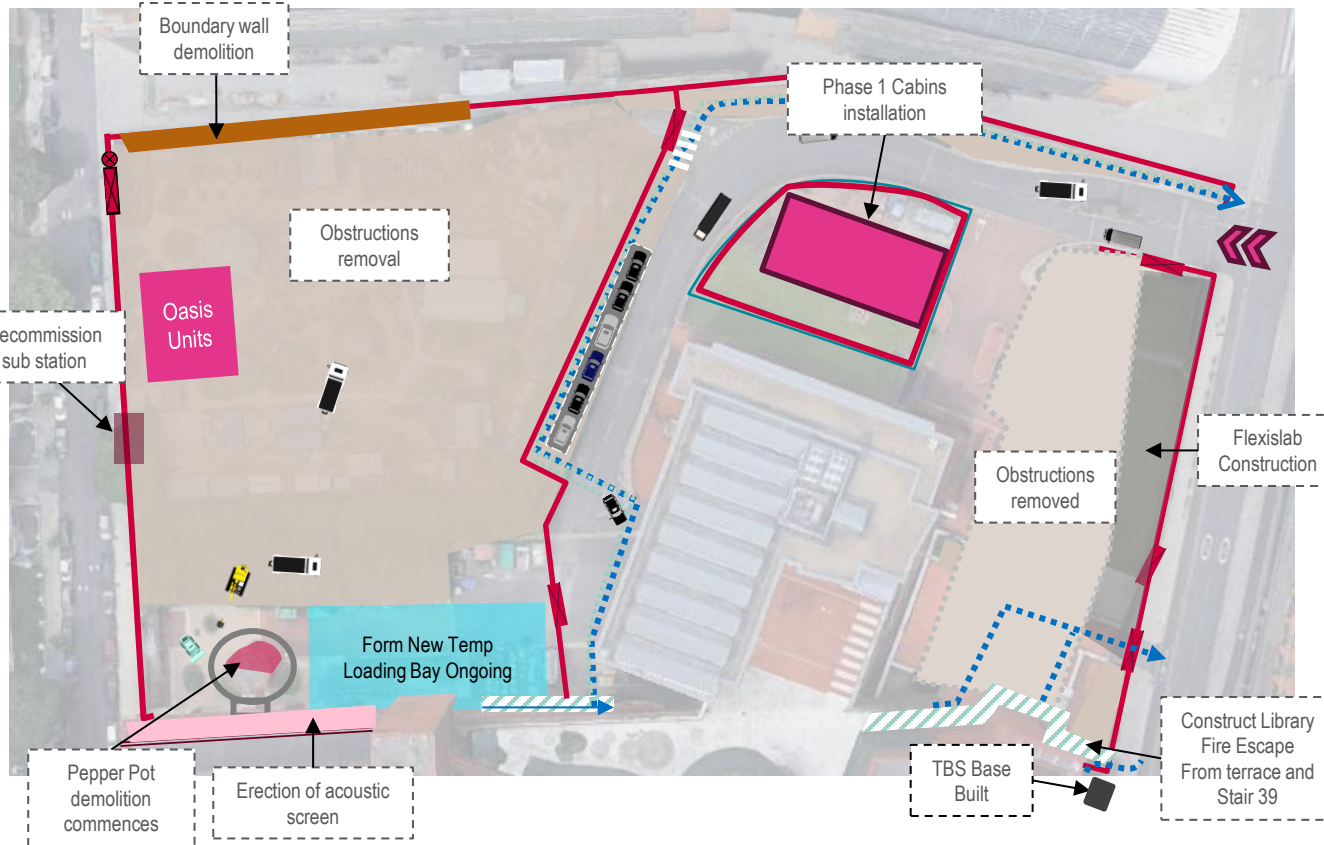
- **Pile enabling to Ossulston Street**
 - Removal of vaults
 - Boundary Retention
- **Paving to undercroft removed**
- **Extend water main to new hydrant position**
- **Library fire escape ramp installed**
 - Amend dry riser inlets
- **Sign relocated**
- **Midland Road CCTV Cameras**
 - Remove Existing

JULY 26 (1ST HALF)



- Isolating the Pepper Pot & Reading Room (hoarding within reading room)
- Decommision UKPN Substation – parking bay suspensions for limited time – TBC by UKPN
- Bike shed removed
- Pile enabling commence

JULY 26 (2ND HALF)



- UKPN Substation decommission complete
- Acoustic screen installed
- Pepper Pot demolition commences
- Phase 1 Accommodation
 - Foundations complete
 - Cabin installation
- Library fire escapes to Midland Road commences
- Midland Road TBS base built

WORKS UPDATES

- Complaints, enquiries and monitor activations (David Carter)
- Update on Construction Management Plan (David Carter)
- Installation of site accommodation cabins
 - To note this is currently planned for w/c 20th July

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Any other business
- Next meeting date Monday 15 June 2026

MACE CONSTRUCT

