

British Museum extension

project	British Museum extension
location	Bloomsbury, London
client	Department of the Environment, British Museum Trustees
dates	1973-1981
cost	£1million

MJ Long was co-designer with Colin St John Wilson for a new extension to the grade-I listed British Museum. The project includes a 430m² temporary exhibition gallery, a workshop, a Trustees boardroom, public and staff restaurants seating 150 and 200 respectively, and 1,000m² of flexible naturally ventilated office space.

The external appearance of the building is conditioned by the requirement for a substantial security wall and the need to reconcile the new construction with the main portico corridor and Smirke's residential pavilion.

