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Statement on appeal being lost

Director of Oxford University Libraries Services, Dr Sarah Thomas, said: "This is obviously a great disappointment, but the pragmatic approach is to move on. We'll need to be creative about rethinking our management of collections and our service strategy. Tough decisions will need to be taken as we absorb the implications of this decision. The Library has suffered from over-congestion in unsafe conditions for years because of our inadequate storage.

"The uncertainty over the planning situation has led to considerable expense in outsourcing collection storage, and our valuable books and archives in the New Bodleian remain at risk.

"I know, however, despite this adverse decision, the Library staff will meet the challenge, since they are dedicated both to the provision of outstanding service to the research community and to the protection of the collections they steward "