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Option 1: Use of Buckingham Place as home for parliament

LI notes that the Palace of Westminster is in urgent need of renovation and a recent BBC report claimed the work could cost £40bn and take 61 years to complete.

LI proposes a solution to this complex problem without disrupting parliament, most probably requiring a smaller budget and certainly over a shorter time scale.

LI proposes the nation repossesses Buckingham Palace, belonging to the nation and surplus to the reigning Monarch's requirements, and in the grounds build a new British Parliament. State receptions can still be held at Buckingham Palace and the Nash building can provide valuable office space and a certain amount of accommodation.

LI suggests the new parliament should be subject to an international competition drawing the world's best architects to submit projects. The grounds and gardens should be largely opened to the public and perhaps made contiguous with Green Park.

LI believes such a project would be a beacon heralding the United Kingdom into the 22nd century, a modern functional parliamentary building making life simpler for all aspects of parliamentary life and a parliamentary building attracting the interest and admiration of the British public and visitors from the world over.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2026/feb-2026/delivering-restoration-and-renewal-of-the-palace-of-westminster-the-costed-proposals-published/>

<https://www.nao.org.uk/reports/restoration-and-renewal-of-the-palace-of-westminster-2026-update/>

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