

5th February 2016

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Dear Graham

Re: Highway Layout on Temple Place and Surrey Street

The Garden Bridge Trust has been in discussions with WCC in their capacity as highway authority and local planning authority, TfL as well as neighbouring landowners Arundel Great Court and King's College for many months on the most appropriate highway solution to serve the operation of the Garden Bridge and the new development proposed by AGC. The Trust is also currently in discussions with the Cabmen's Shelter Fund on the temporary and permanent relocation of the cabmen's shelter.

The proposed highways layout has been achieved based on what we believe to be the best compromise between the competing interests of the various different organisations. In summary, the layout will deliver:

- TfL's requirements for four working taxi bays, five rest bays and two coach bays in the immediate vicinity of the Garden Bridge on Temple Place and Surrey Street;
- The operation of the five taxi rest bays during construction;
- A Coach and Taxi Management Plan that provides multi-modal transport options in the immediate vicinity of the North Bank entrance in accordance with the planning condition attached to the Garden Bridge consent;
- The retention of WCC's coach parking provision on Temple Place;
- A solution that does not result in the loss of pavement on Temple Place required to manage visitor demand;
- A solution that does not compromise the redevelopment of the neighbouring Arundel Great Court or King's College.

The proposals for the relocation of the cabmen's shelter will allow for the construction of AGC, and will work in unison with the configuration of working and refreshment bays.

As I am sure you will appreciate, there is very limited highway space available to accommodate these various requirements, the consequence of which is the loss of nine pay and display parking spaces. There is no other option that will deliver all of the requirements to the satisfaction of the interested parties. Whilst we

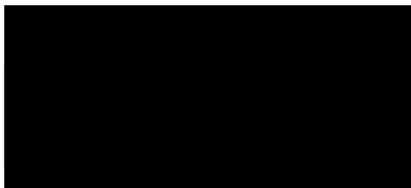
appreciate that this is a significant source of revenue for the City Council, this loss should be considered in the context of the substantial economic benefits delivered by the bridge.

The Garden Bridge will support local economic development by providing an attractive, convenient and accessible new pedestrian route for the many visitors to the South Bank into the Temple neighbourhood and beyond into Covent Garden and Soho, acting as a catalyst for the regeneration of underperforming areas on the North Bank. The increase in visitors to the area as a result of the Garden Bridge could bring an additional annual turnover of over £54 million to the retail, food and beverage markets within 500m of the bridge, creating 360 new jobs.

The Garden Bridge Trust is a charitable organisation and is not in a position to compensate WCC for the loss of revenue from the loss of the pay and display parking.

The Trust has worked closely with officers and other stakeholders to arrive at the proposed solution and hopes that WCC can support the proposals in view of the significant regeneration benefits the bridge will deliver.

Yours sincerely



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