

<b>Committee:</b> Planning and Transportation Committee	<b>Date:</b> 24 May 2019
<b>Subject:</b> Dark House Walk city walkway alteration	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of the Built Environment	<b>For decision</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The City has granted planning permission (18/01105/FULL) for a pavilion for café, restaurant and bar uses on the Riverside Walkway at 10 Lower Thames Street. Implementation of the planning permission necessitates altering the Dark House Walk city walkway so as to exclude from the city walkway the area needed for the pavilion and its external private seating and some privately maintained planting. This is therefore recommended to your Committee to resolve.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>Your Committee is recommended to resolve as set out in the resolution appended to this report as Appendices 2A and 2B.</p>	

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. On 25 April 1991 the Court of Common Council resolved to declare a new city walkway, being part of the Riverside Walk at 10 Lower Thames Street, EC3R 6EN, and this declaration was made on 5 July 1991. The city walkway is shown on the city walkway declaration plan that is attached to this report as Appendix 1: C.W.D.P.4–91 (R. 789).
2. The city walkway was named “Dark House Walk” on 1 February 1993.

### **Current Position**

3. On 19 February 2019 the Chief Planning Officer and Development Director granted, under the delegated authority of the Court of Common Council, planning permission 18/01105/FULL for the erection of a café/restaurant/bar (class A3/A4) pavilion and associated public realm improvements to part of the quayside walkway adjacent to 10 Lower Thames Street, EC3R 6EN. This pavilion would be sited on the Riverside Walkway and its erection would necessitate altering the Dark House Walk city walkway. This report therefore recommends to your Committee that the city walkway be altered to exclude from the city walkway the area needed for the pavilion and its external private seating and some privately maintained planting.

## Proposal

4. Appendices 2A and 2B to this report set out a recommendation to effect the alteration of the Dark House Walk city walkway so as to exclude from the city walkway the areas needed for the pavilion and its external private seating and some privately maintained planting permitted by planning permission 18/01105/FULL.

## Corporate and Strategic Implications

5. Alteration of the Dark House Walk city walkway so as to exclude from the city walkway the areas needed for the pavilion and its external private seating and some privately maintained planting would allow the pavilion to be built. This would assist in meeting the *Corporate Plan 2018–23* high-level actions to “Provide world-class spaces for businesses and markets to thrive” (10.a.); “Curate a vibrant, attractive and complementary blend of uses of space” (10.b.); and “Create and transform buildings, streets and public spaces for people to admire and enjoy” (10.c.).

## Implications

6. The alteration of the Dark House Walk city walkway is not anticipated to have any financial implications other than the costs of notifying in *City A.M.* the passing of the resolution altering the city walkway and the costs of the officer time in preparing this report, both of which can be contained within the Director of the Built Environment’s local risk. The alteration of the city walkway is not considered to have any legal implications other than those set out within this report. The alteration of the city walkway is not considered to have any property implications nor any human resources implications and it is not considered to present any key risks.

## Conclusion

7. The City has granted planning permission (18/01105/FULL) for a pavilion for café, restaurant and bar uses on the Riverside Walkway at 10 Lower Thames Street. Implementation of the planning permission necessitates altering the Dark House Walk city walkway so as to exclude from the city walkway the areas needed for the pavilion and its external private seating and some privately maintained planting. This is therefore recommended to your Committee to resolve.

## Appendices

- Appendix 1: city walkway declaration plan C.W.D.P.4–91 (R. 789)  
Appendix 2A: resolution to vary the city walkway declaration  
Appendix 2B: city walkway alteration plan RP-WSP-ZZ-XX-XX-RP-C-0001 revision P02 forming an appendix to the resolution to vary the city walkway declaration

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