APPENDIX 3

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Dear Resident,

Globe View Thames Path Walkway

I wrote to you last November to share the key results of the consultation on the proposals to open up the walkway at Globe View which was carried out in August-October 2013. These were reported at the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee on 10th March 2014.

I am now writing to update you on progress made and current plans for taking forward the project that was approved by committees in 2012.

Officers have paused work on the external walkway design development, and we have continued to look at the issue of not having CCTV coverage in the enclosed areas of walkway under Globe View. This was one of the main reasons for looking at an external alternative which was the subject of the recent consultation. I am pleased to say that discussions with the hotel developer at Queensbridge House has brought about the possibility of introducing monitored CCTV coverage which would be connected to the hotel's system, to address the problem areas at Globe View. Officers have consulted the City of London Police on the proposal for CCTV coverage and other improvements designed to enhance safety and reduce users' anxiety. Subject to detailed plans, they have indicated that this would potentially be enough to allow the internal walkway to be opened without an external element, on completion of the hotel development walkway. Officers are currently investigating the design options and will consult with you further in the summer.

Hopefully we will be able to proceed on this basis, however if the necessary CCTV coverage cannot be achieved, officers will have to recommend to Members the smaller of the external walkway option consulted upon last autumn, as the only viable option for completing the Thames Path National Trail at this location.

A new project officer, Leila Ben-Hassel, has been appointed. Leila is your key point of contact for this project. Please do not hesitate to contact her should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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