

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Nick

I am writing to say how enthusiastic I am at the prospect of the City of London marking the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire in 2016 with a high-profile event that commemorates the events of 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5th September 1666 and celebrates the resilient city that has emerged from those ashes.

We are aware of Artichoke's excellent work and have every confidence that they will create a memorable occasion with spectacular public-facing moments, as well as a more profound examination of the issues and learnings from the events of the Fire that still resonate in cities across the world today.

The City of London plays a key part in the cultural life of the capital, and has an important role as custodian of London's early history. I welcome this initiative in broadening public access to the City's streets and making that vital event in London's history more widely known.

Yours truly



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**Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture**