

### Appendix 3

#### **Moorgate Highwalk Escalators Assurance variation –Crossrail’s and Land Securities’ Summary of Consultation with Barbican Association**

The Barbican Association benefits from an identical assurance to that given to the City of London during the parliamentary process with respect to the Highwalk escalators adjacent to the Moorgate station entrance on Moorfields:

*‘The Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to use reasonable endeavours to provide continuous pedestrian access to the foot of the escalators and staircase adjacent to Moorgate station entrance, which lead up to Moorgate Highwalk. This access route will be protected from the works through the positioning of the hoarding line, but will be altered from time to time depending on the particular stage of site works. On conclusion of construction, the existing access route will be reinstated.’*

Since February 2010 Crossrail has held a biannual City of London Residents Forum where updates on plans and construction progress have been presented.

The revised proposals for the Crossrail Moorgate ticket hall, including the relocation of the escalators, were discussed at the Residents’ Forum prior to the Schedule 7 application in May 2011. The Barbican Association expressed the view that escalators were preferable to a lift or lifts, and a strong desire to ensure the Highwalk route was retained during construction. There was no objection to the proposal to relocate the escalators.

In 2013 the Crossrail Area Community Relations Manager consulted with the Chair of the Barbican Association regarding proposals at that time to vary the assurance to reflect the Schedule 7 plans.

Barbican Residents have been consulted by Land Securities on the 21 Moorfields Redevelopment application including on the issue of access during construction. At a meeting on 3 February 2015 the proposed temporary access routes were discussed with representatives of the Barbican Association. They were informed that should the development go ahead there would be no access to the highwalk via the Moorgate escalator for 48 months while the site clearance and construction proceeds. The alternative access routes discussed are appended in Appendix 2. It was accepted that there were no other viable alternatives.

The Chair of the Barbican Association is aware that the 21 Moorfields redevelopment proposals will block access from the top of the escalator and that the assurance will still need to be varied or waived.

Crossrail proposes to carry out further consultation, involving Land Securities, with the Residents Association in advance of the Committee Meeting on 14 April on the proposals discussed in this paper. This will be organised via the Chair of the Association, Jane Smith, who is likely to involve the relevant representatives from the Barbican Association that lead on planning, accessibility, and the lead for Willoughby House. It is anticipated that residents will seek clarity about the periods during which access is closed under the different scenarios, and about the ongoing maintenance arrangement for the new escalator.