

Committee(s)	Dated:
Policy and Resources Committee	16 February 2017
Subject: Crossrail – Recognition of the City of London Corporation's contribution	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

This report seeks approval to the final design and location of the City of London Corporation recognition plaques at the three Crossrail (Elizabeth Line) Stations in the City. These plaques mark the City's significant contribution to one of the largest civil engineering projects ever completed in the UK and one which will bring benefits to the lives of people and businesses across London and the South East when it becomes fully operational in December 2019.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Approve the plaque design, locations and wording recognising the City of London's contribution to the construction of Crossrail (the Elizabeth Line).

Main Report

Background

1. Crossrail is currently the largest construction project in Europe and is one of the largest infrastructure projects ever undertaken in the UK. The project will provide London and the South East with faster journey times, better connections and will ease congestion at a time when London's population is expected to reach 10 million people within a decade.
2. The City of London has been a supporter of the project since its inception, recognising the benefits that the line will bring to all that live and work in London. The benefits of the project have also extended across the country with 96% of suppliers to the project being UK based and 55,000 jobs supported throughout the UK supply chain. Crossrail has brought skills and employability benefits too with 665 apprenticeships created, 15,000 enrolments at the Tunnelling and Underground Construction Academy in Ilford, 4,000 jobs created for Londoners and over 1,000 jobs created for the previously unemployed. In 2007, the Court of Common Council agreed that

the City Corporation would become a significant financial contributor to the scheme, providing £200m.

3. In recognition of the City of London Corporation's financial contribution to the scheme, it was agreed that the City would receive visible recognition within the fabric of stations in the Square Mile. These are Farringdon East, Liverpool Street West (Moorgate) and Liverpool Street East (Broadgate).

Current Position

4. Officers have been working with DfT, Transport for London (TfL) and Crossrail to finalise the design of plaques commemorating the City's significant contribution to the project. Discussions have included plaque design and location at the three ticket halls within the City boundary.
5. The plaques were designed by Crossrail's architects to provide prominent locations, optimum viewing height and good legibility whilst integrating with the architecture of each station. The proposed wording, which will accompany the City of London Coat of Arms, on the plaques is as follows: -

"The Elizabeth Line was part-funded by the City of London Corporation for the benefit of those who live and work in London."

6. Concept images provided by Crossrail setting out the design of the plaques and how they feature at the entrance to each station have been included as appendices to this report. The basic plaque layout remains the same across the three locations however the materials used and sizes vary to maximise their impact. The plaque designs also reflect the architecture of each station exit. Both Liverpool Street plaques will be produced using stainless steel whilst the Farringdon plaque will be produced in bronze for example.
7. London Underground has agreed in principle that maintenance of the plaques will be covered as part of each stations Access and Maintenance Strategy at no cost to the City of London Corporation. Transport for London has also signed off the Crossrail Central Station Advertising Location Strategy and the areas around the City of London plaques have not been marked as appropriate for advertising.

Proposal

8. Members are asked to approve the City of London plaque designs, location and wording. The plaques will provide appropriate recognition for the City's contribution to this major civil engineering project.

Conclusion

9. Crossrail is one of the largest infrastructure projects ever to be undertaken in the UK. It will bring major improvements to those who live and work in London. Its construction has brought about wider economic benefit in terms of jobs and apprenticeships across the UK. It is fitting that plaques will be installed at each of the three station exits in the Square Mile to commemorate the City of London Corporation's significant and proud contribution to this key

London infrastructure project. It is therefore recommended that Members approve the recommendation set out in this report.

Appendices

Appendix 1- City of London Plaque layout

Appendix 2 – Farringdon Plaque design and location

Appendix 3 – Moorgate Plaque design and location

Appendix 4 – Broadgate Plaque design and location

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Appendix 1 – City of London Plaque Layout



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Appendix 2 – Farringdon East Plaque Location



Duplicate plaque on pillar for those approaching the Eastern Ticket Hall from the West.

Rendered illustration of commemorative plaque

Appendix 3 – Moorgate Plaque Location



Appendix 4 – Broadgate Plaque Location

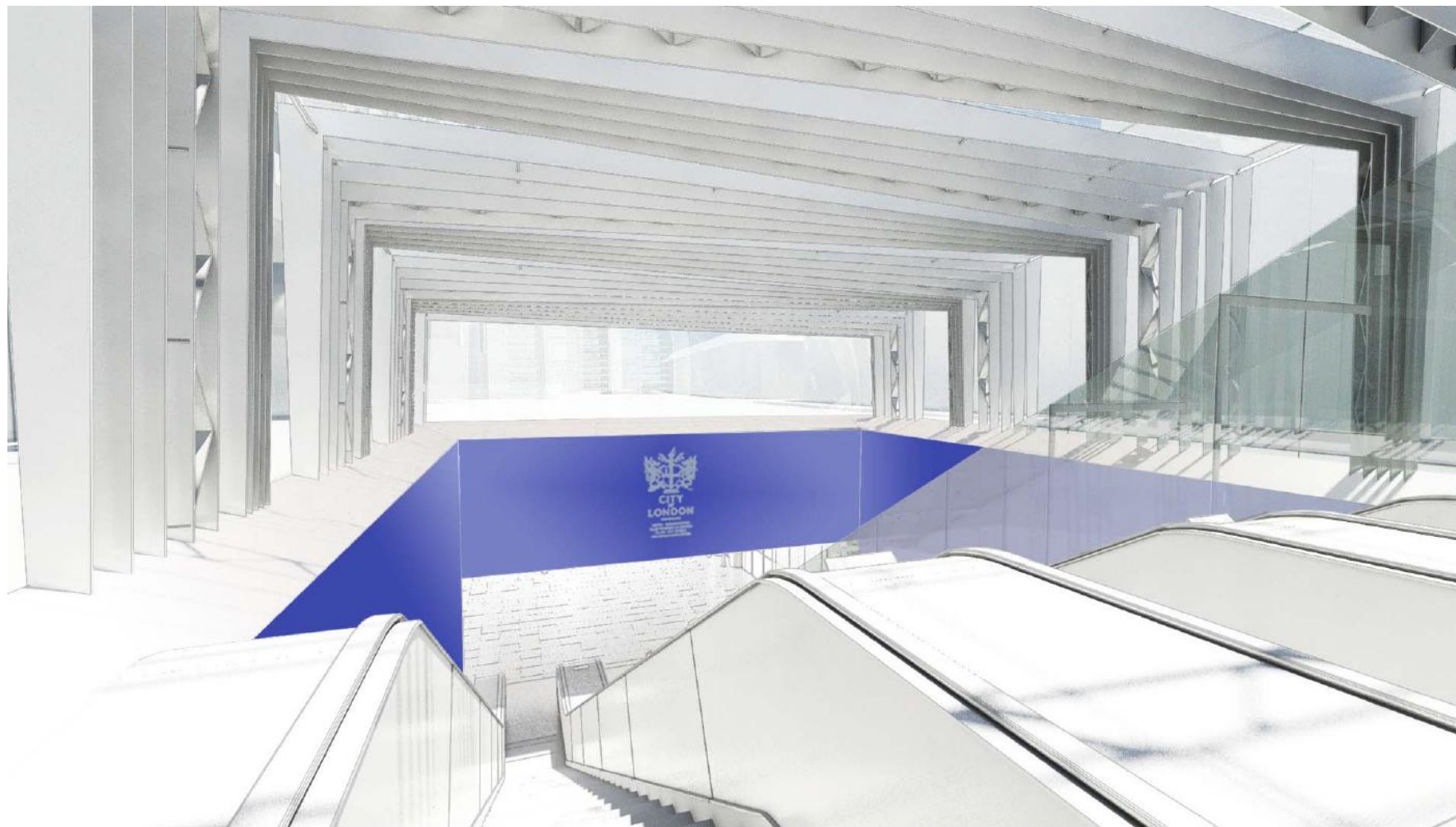


Figure 5.6:
Broadgate Ticket Hall entrance