

Committee: Planning and Transportation Committee	Date: 18 July 2023
Subject: Blackfriar’s Bridgehead City Walkway Variation	Public
Report of: Executive Director Environment	For decision
<p>Summary</p> <p>The City Corporation has been advised by Bazalgette Tunnel Limited (aka “Tideway”) and Transport for London (“TfL”) that as part of the implementation of the Thames Tideway project it has become necessary to place a new TfL control cabinet on part of the Blackfriar’s Bridgehead City Walkway.</p> <p>To enable this to proceed the area where the control cabinet is proposed to be located would need to be excluded from the City Walkway.</p> <p>The area in question is located away from the main public route and its removal from the City Walkway is not considered to impede public access or amenity.</p> <p>The variation of the city walkway is therefore recommended.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>It is recommended that the Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolves to vary the resolution of the Court of Common Council made on 28 May 1998 by making a resolution in the form appended to this report as Appendix 3A and 3B; and 2. Delegate to the City Operations Director (City Streets and Spaces) authority to insert into the resolution an appropriate date for the coming into force of the variation. 	

Main Report

Background

1. In 1998 the Court of Common Council resolved to declare a new city walkway, being part of the Riverside Walk at Blackfriar’s Bridgehead, and this declaration was made on 28 May 1998. The declaration and area of city walkway are shown in the Resolution and attached city walkway declaration plan (C.W.D.P.3-98) at **Appendix 1**:
2. The Thames Tideway tunnel project is being implemented by Bazalgette Tunnel Limited (aka Tideway) pursuant to powers in the Thames Tideway Tunnel Development Consent Order (the DCO”). The City Corporation has been advised by Tideway and Transport for London (“TfL”) that as part of the

implementation of the project it has become necessary to place a new TfL control cabinet on part of the Blackfriar's Bridgehead City Walkway (see plan of proposed control cabinet location at **Appendix 2**). It is understood that this has arisen because of TfL infrastructure being displaced from its current location due to Thames Tideway works.

3. The erection of the cabinet does not require planning permission because this is permitted by the DCO. However, the DCO does not give powers for the area where the control cabinet is proposed to be relocated to be permanently excluded from city walkway nor for any permanent interference with public access rights on that area of the city walkway. As such, erection of the cabinet on the city walkway would amount to an unauthorised interference with public rights unless the city walkway is varied.

Current Position

4. The area in question is located underneath Blackfriar's Bridge away from the main public route (see **Appendix 2**). Its removal from the city walkway is not considered to impede public access or amenity as it is located away from the pedestrian desire line, adjacent to the boundary wall to the carriageway, and the area is not generally used. There would continue to be sufficient width for pedestrian movement such that public access would not be unduly impeded.
5. This report therefore recommends to your Committee that the city walkway resolution made on 28 May 1998 be varied to exclude from the city walkway the area needed for the control cabinet.

Proposal

6. Appendix 3A to this report sets out a form of resolution to effect the variation of the Blackfriar's Bridgehead city walkway resolution made on 28 May 1998 so as to exclude from the city walkway the area needed for the control cabinet.

Corporate and Strategic Implications

7. There are no Corporate and Strategic Implications.

Legal Implications

8. Wording for the resolution is included in Appendix 3A for Committee's approval. If the resolution is made, notice of the resolution describing the variation must be published in one or more newspapers circulating within the City and displayed for at least 28 days in a prominent position in the walkway. The resolution will take effect from a date to be inserted by the City Operations Director (City Streets and Spaces).

Financial Implications

9. The alteration of the Blackfriar's Bridgehead city walkway is not anticipated to have any financial implications other than the costs of placing in a local newspaper notice of 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

recovered from Tideway/TfL pursuant to an undertaking provided to the City Corporation. The alteration of the city walkway is not considered to have any legal implications other than those set out within this report. (As a separate matter, the city walkway is vested in the City Corporation and authority regarding disposal of an interest in the area proposed for accommodating the control cabinet to TfL, and regarding disposal terms, will be sought from the relevant Committee or delegated officer. However, that is not relevant to the recommendation of this report).

Conclusion

10. Implementation of the Thames Tideway project necessitates altering the Blackfriar's Bridgehead city walkway so as to exclude from the city walkway the area needed for the relocation of the TfL control cabinet which is being displaced so that Thames Tideway works can be appropriately accommodated. The variation of the city walkway as proposed is not considered to impede public access or amenity. The Committee is therefore recommended to make a resolution varying the original city walkway resolution dated 28 May 1998.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: City walkway declaration of 28 May 1998 and plan C.W.D.P.3-98
- Appendix 2: Plan showing proposed location of TfL control cabinet
- Appendix 3A: Resolution to vary the city walkway declaration
- Appendix 3B: City walkway alteration plan forming an appendix to the resolution to vary the city walkway declaration

RESOLUTION OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

28TH MAY 1998

WHEREAS the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London acting by the Common Council (hereinafter called "the Corporation") are authorised by Section 6 of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1967 (hereinafter called "the Act") BY RESOLUTION TO DECLARE any way or place in the City of London appearing to the Corporation:

- (i) to be laid out or otherwise suitable for a City Walkway within the meaning of Section 5 of the Act;
- (ii) to which access is available directly from a street or another way or place which is a City Walkway; and
- (iii) which is laid out or rendered suitable for a City Walkway in accordance with one of the provisions specified in sub-section (1) of the said Section 6

TO BE A CITY WALKWAY as from such dates as may be specified in such resolution

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Corporation that:

- (i) the way or place specified in the Schedule hereto is laid out or otherwise suitable for a City Walkway within the meaning of Section 5 of the Act; and
- (ii) access to such way or place is available directly from a street or another way or place which is a City Walkway

NOW THEREFORE the Corporation in pursuance of Section 6(1) of the Act by resolution HEREBY DECLARE the way or place described in the Schedule

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hereto on and after the Twenty-second day of June One thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight to be a City Walkway

THE SCHEDULE

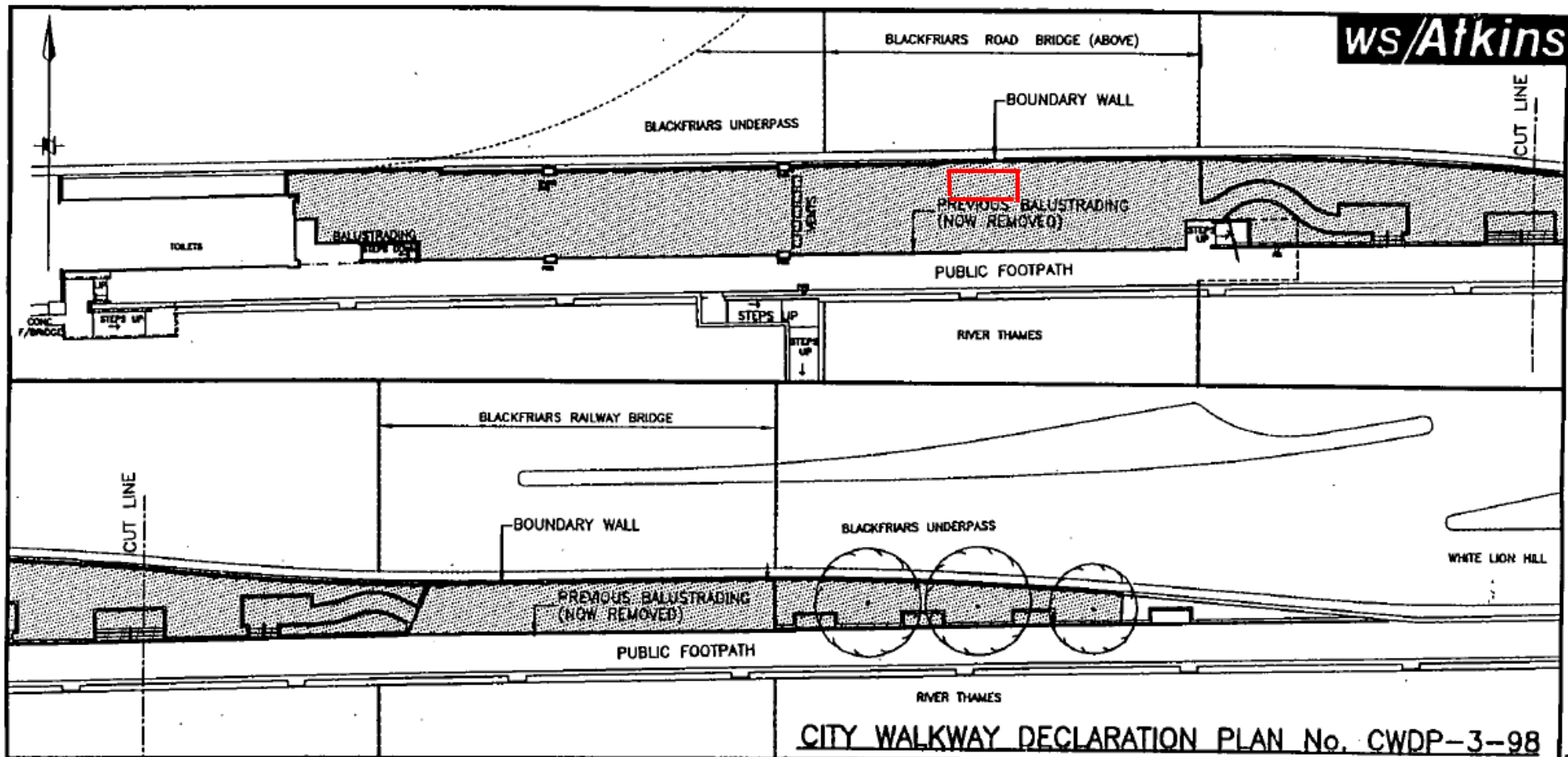
ALL THAT way or place being the riverside walkway and adjacent paved and planted areas, at ground level between Victoria Embankment and White Lion Hill, more particularly shown shaded on the attached drawing No. CWDP-3-98

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE MAYOR
AND COMMONALTY AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF LONDON was
hereunto affixed in the
presence of:-



J. CLIFT
ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR

Dated the 5th day of June 1998



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CITY WALKWAY DECLARATION PLAN No. CWDP-3-98

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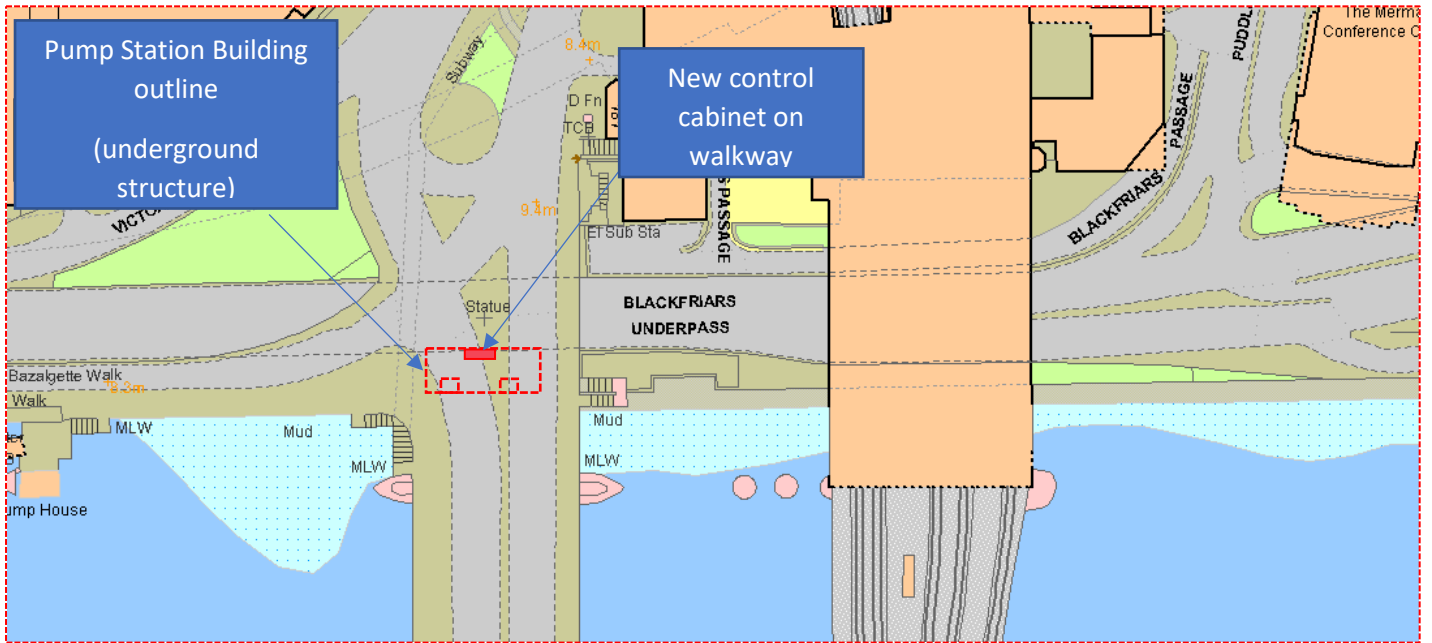
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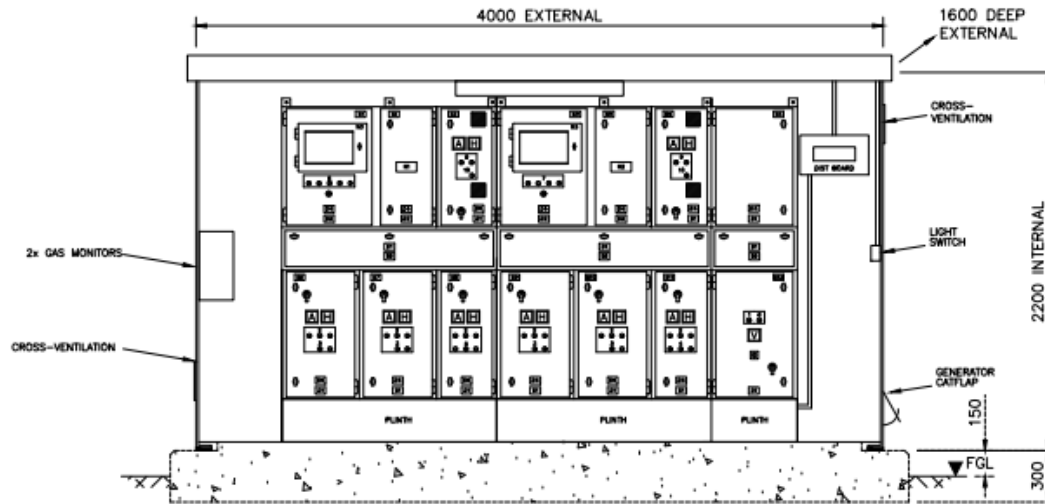
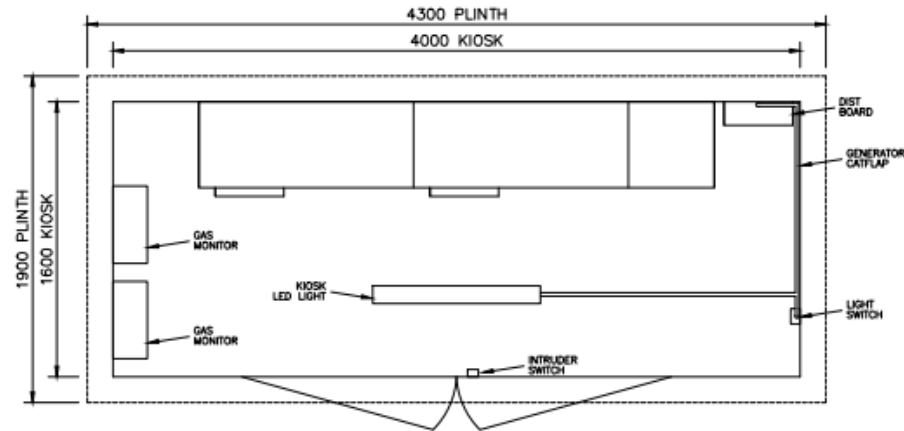
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APPENDIX A

Scheme: Blackfriars Pumping Station Control Cabinet





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APPROVED BY	G.P.
DATE	11/05/20

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APPENDIX 3A:

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(under powers delegated to them by the Court of Common Council on 19 July 2001)

DATED the eleventh of May 2023.

WHEREAS the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London acting by the Planning and Transportation Committee pursuant to the delegation to that Committee specified *above* (hereinafter called “the City”) are authorised by section 6 of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1967 (as amended) (hereinafter called “the Act”) **BY RESOLUTION TO DECLARE** any way or place in the City of London appearing to the City

- (i) to be laid out or otherwise suitable for a city walkway within the meaning of section 5 of the Act,
- (ii) to which access is available directly from a street or another way or place that is a city walkway, and
- (iii) which is laid out or rendered suitable for a city walkway in accordance with one of the provisions specified in subsection (1) of the said section 6

TO BE A CITY WALKWAY as from such date as may be specified in such resolution

AND WHEREAS the City are further authorised by the said section 6, by resolution, to vary or rescind any resolution declaring a city walkway

AND WHEREAS it appears to the City that the resolution made by the Court of Common Council on 28 May 1998 (hereinafter called “the 1998 Resolution”) should be varied to exclude the areas shown shaded yellow and hatched in black on the drawing attached hereto and numbered [] as “Area of city walkway to be excluded”.

NOW THEREFORE the City in pursuance of section 6(5)(a) of the Act by resolution **HEREBY VARIES** the 1998 Resolution to exclude the way or place described in the Schedule hereto on and after the [to be inserted by the City Operations Director (City Streets and Spaces)] day of [to be inserted by the City Operations Director (City Streets and Spaces)].

SCHEDULE

THE way or place more particularly shown shaded yellow and hatched in black on the **attached** drawing entitled “City Walkway Alteration Plan” and numbered [], as “Areas of city walkway to be excluded,” being [describe location and size in square meters] at Blackfriar’s Bridgehead .

Dated

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE MAYOR
AND COMMONALTY AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF LONDON
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Authorised Officer
Guildhall
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