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Common Councillor Tom Sleigh,  
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(Send by email)

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Dear Common Councillor Sleigh,

I am writing to voice my objection to this application, which I believe is inconsistent with existing planning policy and represents a change to a key part of the City of London's residential, commuter and tourist infrastructure at Sugar Quay Jetty which is not supported by planning policy.

Millions of people visit the Square Mile each year as tourists, and the City of London is home to 2 million jobs. The Thames Path is a key thoroughfare for these individuals, not only connecting Blackfriars and London Bridge stations to the City and the Tower Hill area, but reallocating pedestrian traffic from Lower Thames Street to allow for a generally free-flowing traffic experience for road users. Sugar Quay Jetty in its current form represents not just a key enrichment of this route, but an important point at which pressure on pedestrian routes is eased.

In addition, the waterfront around Sugar Quay Jetty is home to hundreds of residents. The Jetty (whose costs are paid entirely by Sugar Quay leaseholders) is a key public amenity for residents.

With regard to public space, the City of London Plan 2040 contains a clear commitment to "Protecting and enhancing existing areas of cultural significance including cultural buildings and leisure and recreation facilities, particularly where they provide an anchor for cultural regeneration or where a continuing need exists and ensuring there is no overall loss of cultural facilities or diversity in the City;". It also contains policy to "maintaining and enhancing the City's open spaces and public realm".

With regard to pedestrian movement, the City of London Plan 2040 also promotes both "publicly accessible ground floors for improved pedestrian movement, where feasible" and "pedestrian routes that are of adequate width, step-free and follow best practice in street design to encourage ease of movement".

It is beyond question that this planning application would denigrate the enjoyment of the broader cultural space of the Thames Path and the broader Tower Hill area, while prohibiting pedestrian movement, and this is before questions regarding the noise disruption from dining would impact residents.

I sincerely hope that the substantive concerns of residents are heard in this discussion and that this application is withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Blake".

Rachel Blake MP

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