

Committee(s)	Dated:
Planning and Transportation Committee	22/06/2026
Subject: Celebrating Heritage SPD - Addendum	Public report: For decision
This proposal: • delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes • Provides statutory duties	This report relates to the statutory planning function
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	n/a
What is the source of Funding?	n/a
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	n/a
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Addendum Report

Item 7 – Celebrating Heritage SPD – Historic England foreword

1. The Historic England foreword has now been received and is welcomed. The text is as follows:

“The heritage in the City of London matters deeply to its workers, visitors and investors. Much of that heritage is nationally, even internationally, significant. Ensuring the City can grow and develop sustainably is an opportunity as much as a challenge, requiring ongoing cooperation and flexibility.

Historic England welcomes the production of this Celebrating Heritage SPD which illustrates some of the best qualities of conservation. We commend the collaborative process undertaken by the City Corporation to create it and recognise the bold aspirations to innovate. In all these ways, the Celebrating Heritage SPD usefully codifies the City's vision for its remarkable heritage.

Conservation works best when there is collaboration to collectively imagine and create futures for buildings and sites that matter: meeting the needs of society today, enriching the lives of future generations, while protecting what matters most.

The process of creating this SPD has been a great example of innovation and collaboration. Dialogue and philosophical exploration have underpinned the development of the themes of strata, street and spirit. Historic England will now

watch with great interest to see how innovative elements of the SPD, such as the approach to intangible heritage, inform future proposals.

Historic England supports the City's aim to proactively manage change to heritage, and the desire for future growth to respond positively to the significance already there. We will continue to work with the City, and the development and heritage sectors, to create conditions for heritage success."

Claudia Kenyatta and Emma Squire
Co-Chief Executives of Historic England

2. The Adoption version of the SPD is Appendix 1 to item 7. Prior to adoption and publication, the foreword would be incorporated into the Adoption version at the point indicated by the placeholder in the document, accompanied by a photograph of the authors.