

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>
Planning & Transportation	30 July 2014
<b>Subject:</b> City of London responses to consultations on the proposed Garden Bridge between Temple Station and The Queen's Walk.	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Chief Planning Officer and Development Director	<b>For Decision</b>
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <p>Agree the draft response to consultations received in respect of the proposed Garden Bridge included in Appendices A and B.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Members are recommended to:</p> <p>Agree that the detailed comments set out below should be forwarded to the London Borough of Westminster and the London Borough of Lambeth</p>	

### Main Report

#### **Background**

1. The City of London Corporation has been formally consulted by Westminster City Council and the London Borough of Lambeth on planning applications to erect a Garden Bridge across the Thames between Temple Station Buildings and The Queen's Walk on Southbank.

#### **Current Position**

2. Westminster City Council and the London Borough of Lambeth have formally consulted the City Corporation on planning applications by the Garden Bridge Trust to erect a new pedestrian bridge across the Thames.
3. The proposed 'Garden Bridge' designed by Thomas Heatherwick would link Temple Station Buildings in Westminster and land adjacent to The Queen's Walk in Lambeth. It would take the form of a suspended park with dense landscaping including trees.
4. The bridge, whilst visible from a number of City locations, would be situated outside the City boundary but it has the potential to impact on protected views of St Paul's Cathedral, the City, St Paul's Heights views, and protected views from the Monument.

5. The bridge would create new views of the City and St Paul's Cathedral which have not yet been assessed.

### **City Response**

6. It is proposed to issue the attached letters to Westminster City Council (Appendix A) and the London Borough of Lambeth (Appendix B) in response to the consultations received from each planning authority.
7. The proposed response, which is identical to each consultation, identifies a number of which may be impacted by the Garden Bridge.

### **Conclusion**

8. It is proposed to issue the attached letters to Westminster City Council and the London Borough of Lambeth in response to consultations received in respect of the proposed Garden Bridge. The response identifies the protected views of St Paul's Cathedral, views of the City, St Paul's Heights views, and protected views from the Monument which are likely to be affected by the bridge. New views of the City and St Paul's Cathedral would be created. It is requested further assessment of these views is undertaken, and that a maintenance regime is put in place to ensure that trees are managed to minimise the impact on protected views. In relation to the impact of the proposed bridge on the setting of designated and undesignated heritage assets within the City it is concluded that the proposed bridge does not detrimentally impact on their significance.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix A – letter responding to Westminster City Council planning application, reference 14/05095/FULL
- Appendix B – letter responding to Lambeth City Council planning application, reference 14/02792/FUL