

Policy Chairman

Deputy Chris Hayward



Adam Hogg, Chair of Barbican Association and Joint Chair of Barbican Quarter Action
Averil Baldwin, Joint Chair Barbican Quarter Action
[Sent Via Email]

Friday 28 October

Dear Adam and Averil,

I am writing to inform you that the City of London Corporation's Policy and Resources Committee has voted to reduce the size of proposals to redevelop Bastion House and the existing Museum of London site, in response to feedback from extensive public consultation.

Please be aware that I have also sent a letter to the consultation area, where I know many of the members of the Barbican Association and Barbican Quarter Action live.

The width of the building proposed to replace the Museum of London will be reduced by three metres, while the building proposed to replace Bastion House will be reduced by two metres. This represents the largest reduction in size of the buildings achievable without compromising the feasibility of the scheme.

Given the financial return will be reinvested in the City Corporation's commitments to major cultural programmes such as and the new London Museum at Smithfield, ensuring the scheme remains viable has been an important consideration.

The Museum of London is planning to relocate from its London Wall site to West Smithfield, while Bastion House would face significant structural challenges to accommodate the major works needed to upgrade it to meet the standards expected for a modern office block.

The City Corporation explored retaining the existing buildings. However, this study of options – with technical input from internationally-respected engineering firm Buro Happold – concluded that refurbishment would leave a compromised building unsuitable to today's demands. It also found that Bastion House is unsuitable for the extent of interventions required to upgrade the building to meet today's demands due to the significant structural and fire safety challenges that would need to be overcome.

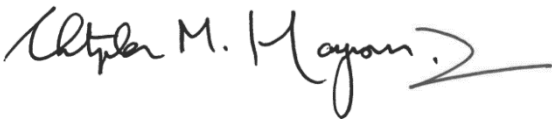
The City Corporation's proposals ensure a viable future for the site, supporting the Square Mile's recovery, meeting the robust demand for high-quality, modern and

sustainable office accommodation, providing flexible cultural space and enhancing the public realm for everyone to enjoy.

A significant proportion of the proposed scheme will be cultural and community space while the financial return from redevelopment will help finance the City Corporation's investment in ambitious cultural programmes.

The scheme's design team will now amend the design and prepare a 3D model. Preparing these designs and model requires significant work, which will not be completed until early next year. I will contact you as soon as the designs are ready to be presented.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deputy M. Hayward" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Deputy Chris Hayward
Chairman of Policy and Resources