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Dear John,

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 October about the London River Park and for enclosing your letter to Dame Helen Alexander, Chairman of the Port of London Authority. I apologise for the delay in responding.

It was interesting to learn about your innovative project along the Thames. I understand that since you wrote, the City of London Planning Committee decided not to consider your development at its November meeting and that there is now a revised timetable.

The Port of London Authority (PLA) is responsible for safety of all river users, which in central London ranges from commercial barges and passenger vessels to kayaks. In its consideration of whether to grant a river works licence the PLA has to take in account the impacts on all river users and their safety, including modelling the impact on the existing river users of changes to the tidal flow or the height of waves, as well as the ability to navigate safely between the bridges on this section of the river.

Clearly it is important to resolve any remaining questions and issues in these areas and I would encourage you to continue to work with the PLA to address their concerns, as you carry out the redesign that I understand is now planned.

Best Wishes,

Justine

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