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Dear Dame Helen Alexander

London River Park

I understand that you have spoken with Boris Johnson regarding the proposed London River Park. I wanted to write to underline the potential benefits that this project could bring to London.

The level of interest shown in the Park has been phenomenal. At the individual level, the vast majority of those, predominantly Londoners, are excited about the Park. At the corporate level, interest suggests this development will attract new investment leading to the creation of new jobs in the Capital.

I understand that my team has worked hard to address all of your safety concerns; going the extra mile to provide all information requested (and more). However, I understand that representations have been received by other river users, perhaps with vested interests, critical of the scheme.

It is our intention that the London River Park will be delivered in time for Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second's Diamond Jubilee in 2012; a once in a lifetime event and almost unique in the United Kingdom's history. The Park would be a small part of the huge celebration that will occur. It has the potential to become synonymous with the Diamond Jubilee in the same way as the London Eye and (what is now) the O2 Arena were to the Millennium celebrations. It would be hugely disappointing to us if we were unable to deliver the Park in time for this event. Delivery is possible if a positive planning decision is received in November 2011.

The London River Park is not a typical construction project; it would be the world's first tidal river park. The financial investment is developing skills and know-how inside the UK. This capital spending is therefore leading innovation.

Circa £5m has been spent on world-class British professionals so far to progress the planning application. The final cost of the park may reach £80m. If, as seems likely, some fabrication of the Park's components takes place outside the UK, the level of spending outside the UK will still be no more than £25m.

The vast majority of the expenditure will be made inside the UK and will help develop world-class knowledge.


In the same way that the London Eye has been followed around the world (such as the Star of Nanchang and the Singapore Flyer), it is very likely that a successful London River Park would produce similar projects around the World; but with London having lead the way with the first.

The British team behind the Park would be in prime position to help deliver these developments.

Yours sincerely



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