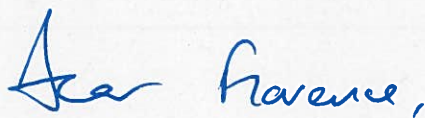


Florence Eshalomi AMCity Hall
The Queen's Walk
London SE1 2AA**Our ref:** MGLA061119-6441**Date:** 19 DEC 2019

Thank you for sharing the petition from your constituents regarding the long-term future of the Crossbones Graveyard and Memorial Garden. I would like to reassure you of my support for protecting this key heritage, cultural, community and spiritual asset in perpetuity.

I understand that Transport for London (TfL) is working with the developer U+I. Following a number of consultations, it has submitted a planning application for Landmark Court to provide new office space, shops and cafes, homes and better connections through the site. As part of the proposals, TfL and U+I have committed to continue to work with Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST), Crossbones Forum and the Friends of Crossbones to safeguard Crossbones Graveyard and Memorial Garden.

TfL and U+I have put forward a proposal to BOST that covers plans for safeguarding Crossbones Graveyard and Memorial Garden. This includes a commitment not to develop on Crossbones Graveyard and Memorial Garden, to define it as a memorial garden and to protect and maintain it.

The proposal sets out that the long-term owners of the homes and offices at Landmark Court will be responsible for funding the long-term maintenance and operation of Crossbones Graveyard and Memorial Garden. This secures a sustainable and long-term responsibility for funding and management. The proposal also includes offering BOST a longer lease term of 30 years, i.e. to approximately 2050. This may enable BOST to raise additional funds to further extend the opening hours.

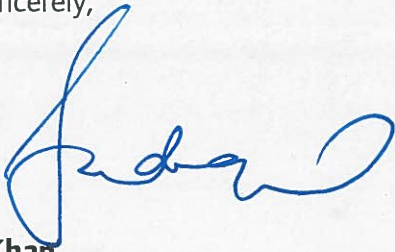
The London Borough of Southwark, in its role as local planning authority, has proposed to designate Crossbones Graveyard and Memorial Garden as "Other Open Space", giving it very-high policy protection. TfL and U+I have also proposed to make this level of protection even stronger through the S106 agreement, by offering to restrict the development of Crossbones Graveyard and Memorial Garden in perpetuity.

I hope this reassures you of how seriously TfL takes the protection of this important piece of London's history. If you have further queries, I would be happy to ask TfL to meet with you directly to discuss this further.

MAYOR OF LONDON

Thank you again for passing on the petition.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London