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Mayor Edwin Holder
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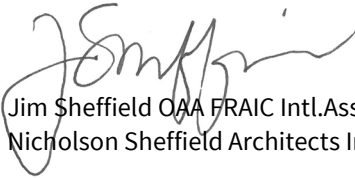
Re: Back to the River – Forks at the Thames

Dear Mr. Holder,

We are writing this letter to express our support for the Back to the River Project. As you will already know, this is a community-led initiative in partnership with the City of London, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the London Community Foundation. There has been considerable investment of both time and resources in support of this initiative, with the commitment of considerably more funding from the LCF.

There are numerous examples of North American cities (similar in size to London or larger) that have invested in the revitalization of their rivers and are enjoying the environmental and economic benefits. The inaugural project to be located at the Forks of the Thames River is the first step in several ongoing projects that we believe will enhance and strengthen our city. The Back to the River Project is a substantial opportunity to benefit the City of London's economic vitality and the quality of life for all Londoners through the improvement to one of our City's most valuable cultural and recreational features.

Sincerely,



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