APPENDIX 15

From:	Colin Mitchell ━━━━━━━━━━
Sent:	17 September 2015 13:25
To:	Simmi Yesmin
Subject:	Fwd: Application for premises licence, CAU restaurant, St Katharine Docks

Dear Simmi

Please add the following statement to the photographs supplied to you.

These photographs seek to show that the area in question is a public walkway and not an "outside terrace". The creation of this walkway was specifically included in the application for Planning consent made by the Dock's previous owners, Max Property Group (MPG).

Evidence of this is that in their letter to LBTH supporting MPG's application for planning consent to redevelop Commodity Quay, DP9, MPG's professional advisers, said "The current boardwalk......causes persistent congestion........[does] not allow pedestrians to pass between the two sides of the walkways......causes recurring tailbacks of pedestrians [and] becomes especially congested at certain periods during the day.......The proposed development seeks to improve the current bottleneck [and] improve the public realm experience and reduce congestion". In addition, in the planning consent itself, two of the reasons given for granting it were that " "Scheme would not adversely affect the amenity of neighbours......[and]....... would increase....pedestrian circulation around the West Dock". This reflected and was in reliance on what DP9 said in that letter and our contention is that the outside seating in its present configuration contradicts this.

The photographs show that with one line of tables placed directly outside the windows of the restaurants circulation is maintained, this is an arrangement that the present management of the Docks (Blackstone) has agreed with the Friends of St Katharine Docks, on the proviso that should there be any breach of Health and Safety the arrangement will be revised.

Our representative at the hearing will be able to give further detail should it be required.

Kind regards

Colin Mitchell
Honorary Secretary
The Friends of St Katharine Docks