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Dear Sir or Madam,

I should like to express my disappointment that the role of the many churches in the City of London is not given proper consideration in the City Plan for 2040. These churches have played and continue to play a vital role in so many of the important sectors of life in the City, in many cases from the Middle Ages.

These churches offer quiet harbours for reflection and mental and spiritual restoration within the busy life of the City. While not all of them are open all the time, many of them are and provide a welcome space as well as being excellent tourist attractions, promoting the history and dependability of the City. Many of them are the Guild churches for the various Livery Companies within the City.

While I note that St Paul's is one of the four mentioned key assets, the City Churches have always been a vital part of the life of the City of London and should be included in the plan in their own right.

I am a member the Parochial Church Council of St Magnus the Martyr and a regular member of the congregation. We have a vibrant and dedicated community and offer services, not just on Sundays, but also midweek. We have a large number of visitors and tourists. Some come to pray, but many others come to see the beauty of this Wren church and to admire the model of old London Bridge which we are fortunate to have. Worship has been maintained on this site for a thousand years and long before the Great Fire of London.

I hope the Plan will include a proper mention and acknowledgement of the current and future role of the City Churches.

Yours faithfully,

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