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City plan 2040

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Dear Planning Policy Consultations,

As Head of Enterprise and Placemaking at Bow Arts, I am writing to respond to the City Corporation's consultation on the City Plan 2040.

At Bow Arts, we make creative activity sustainable within our local communities, creating opportunities to work, learn and enjoy affordable, lifelong access to the arts. We, therefore, feel it is vitally important that the City Plan 2040 is focused on creating a seven-day-a-week cultural destination where everyone feels welcome.

In particular, as set out in Strategic Policy S6: Culture and Visitors, page 95, City Plan 2040, we would welcome the following commitments:

- Encouraging the temporary use of vacant buildings for creative and cultural activities.
- Supporting the development of creative industries and encouraging appropriate workspace and digital infrastructure to facilitate their development.
- Maintaining and enhancing the City's open spaces and public realm to accommodate cultural events and activities that are inclusive and accessible to all City communities, and which promote and celebrate the City's rich heritage and culture.
- Enabling a vibrant evening and night-time economy, especially in areas of night-time activity and around cultural and tourist attractions where public transport such as the night tube and night buses are available, ensuring that users are well-served with safe and convenient night-time transport.

Based on the above, we are therefore happy to state that we consider the City Plan 2040 to be a sound and legally complaint document.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond and we would welcome the opportunity to engage with you further on cultural and creative opportunities in the City of London.

Kind regards,

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