

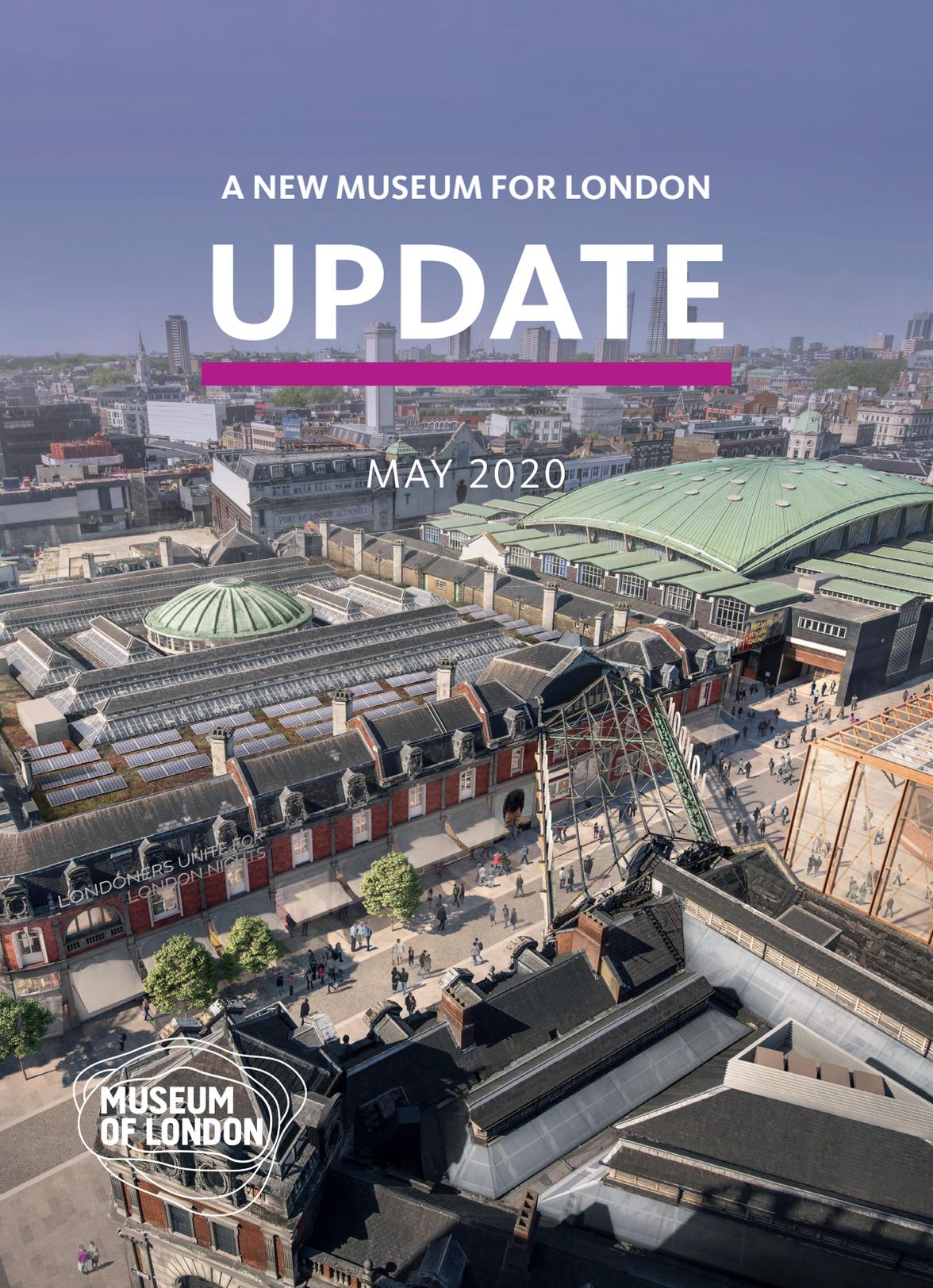
A NEW MUSEUM FOR LONDON

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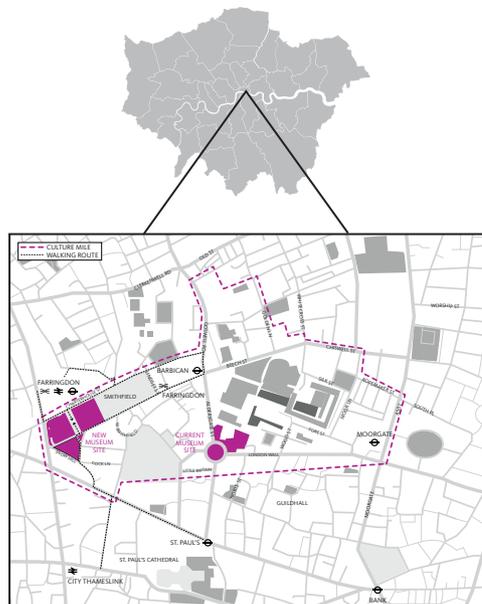


WE HAVE SET OUT ON A JOURNEY TO CREATE A NEW MUSEUM FOR LONDON IN WEST SMITHFIELD

We believe creating a new museum for London is now more important than ever. We want to engage with every London school child and welcome visitors from close to home and across the world, showcasing our incredible London Collection that tells the story of London and Londoners from history right up to the present day.

Since we announced our plans in 2015, we have been consulting widely with key stakeholders and Londoners about creating a new Museum for London in West Smithfield. We have spoken to over 500 Londoners who came to see our exhibitions at West Smithfield, while thousands more attended our exhibition at London Wall over summer 2019. The feedback we received from these events was overwhelmingly positive.

A planning application for the new museum has now been submitted to the City of London Corporation. Contained in this newsletter are details of our plans as well as information about how you can send your comments to the City of London Corporation. The feedback received will be important in determining the decision of the City's Planning and Transportation Committee.



YOUR FEEDBACK SO FAR

Thank you to all those who took the time to come and view the plans for the new museum either at our display in West Smithfield, the current Museum of London site at London Wall or online.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and shows widespread support for the proposals, specifically the principle of bringing a series of historic buildings into use as a new cultural destination for London.

You also provided some really useful feedback on the types of uses and activities you wanted to see in the new museum including:

- **More space for workers, visitors and the local community** this included workshop space, studios, reading spaces, conference rooms and lecture theatres
- **Dedicated spaces for children's activities** to help us reach our ambition of reaching out to every school child in London;
- **Objects that convey the social history of London** (specially objects that related to migrants, the East End, housing, photographs, Windrush, multiculturalism, workhouses, LGBTQ+ and the history of Londoners)

As well as the feedback, thoughts and ideas that were submitted via the public consultation events held in the summer of 2019, we have also been undertaking a consistent engagement programme since 2015. This has included meetings, briefings and workshops with a variety of stakeholders made up of heritage and cultural organisations, local businesses, Londoners from across the city and officers at the Greater London Authority (GLA) and City of London Corporation.

Having collated and reviewed all this feedback, we created a set of proposals that we believe meet our ambition of delivering a new world-class cultural destination, a shared place for Londoners and visitors alike that will resonate with today's audiences while ensuring the long-term future of these historic buildings.



TIMELINE

2015

The City of London Corporation, in partnership with the Museum of London, announces that it would be exploring proposals to create a new purpose-built museum within a series of mostly derelict former market buildings at West Smithfield

FEBRUARY 2016

An international design competition was held and six shortlisted architectural teams were announced in April of the same year. The shortlist went on display to the public at an exhibition near to the site in the same month.

JULY 2016

An independent jury met in July 2016 to decide the winning architects, selecting the joint architectural team of Stanton Williams and Asif Khan, with conservation architect Julian Harrap ('the Design Team')

2017

The Mayor of London and City of London announce a funding package for the new museum. Other grants have since been secured, including from Founding Partners the Goldsmiths' Company and its affiliated charity, the Linbury Trust, the National Lottery Heritage Fund, and from global law firm DLA Piper, the project's inaugural Corporate Champion.

JULY 2019

The museum hosts a series of exhibitions showing the proposals at the West Smithfield site, together welcoming thousands of people to view and comment on the plans.

JANUARY 2020

The City of London Corporation validates the Museum of London's planning application.

SUMMER 2020

A decision is expected from the City of London

2021

Works to create the new museum begin

2024

A new world-class Museum of London opens in West Smithfield

THE NEW MUSEUM OF LONDON WILL:

- **involve** 100,000 Londoners in the creation of the museum
- **tell the story of London** and Londoners in new and imaginative ways
- **welcome** more than 2 million visitors a year, including 160,000 school children
- **better showcase** the unique and unrivalled London Collection
- **create** a generous new public space for London
- **provide** a fully accessible museum and double the public space for galleries, exhibitions and events
- **support and champion** London talent
- **resolve the future** of extraordinary and historic buildings
- **create sustainable buildings**, achieving BREEAM sustainability rating of Excellent
- **play a role** in maintaining and developing the Smithfield area as a vibrant part of Culture Mile

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

The planning application for the new museum is available to view on the City of London Corporation's planning portal, by searching reference number **19/01343/FULEIA**.

The easiest way to submit your comments to the City of London Corporation's Built Environment department is to email **PLNComments@cityoflondon.gov.uk** quoting the reference number **19/01343/FULEIA** in the subject line.

Alternatively, you can write to the Department of the Built Environment, quoting the reference number 19/01343/FULEIA at: Department of the Built Environment, City of London, PO Box 27, Guildhall, London, EC2P 2EJ.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information on the plans, please visit museum.london and to get in touch with the Museum of London team, please email: **transformation@museumoflondon.org.uk**