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Deputy Mayor Jules Pipe  
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Dear Jules,

Thank you for your letter to the Secretary of State regarding London's Safeguarded Wharves. I have been asked to reply to you on his behalf.

After careful consideration I agree with the recommendations made in the Implementation Report – Safeguarded Wharves Review 2018-2019, and have instructed that the updated designations be signed and returned to you.

There is a fine balance between protecting wharves to facilitate the movement of waterborne freight and releasing unused and unneeded wharves in order to facilitate development of much needed homes in London. With this in mind, I would expect to see a new review of the wharves completed by 2025, as this will reflect changes that may come about due to leaving the European Union and increased domestic deliveries resulting from online ordering.

MHCLG officials will continue to work with officers from the Greater London Authority on this matter.

**RT HON CHRISTOPHER PINCHER**