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ATTN: GLA High Street Funding Team
cc. Fred Tarr, Spacehive
cc. Mark Clack, Wood Street Walls
cc. Sam Neal, LBWF

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The Mayors High Street fund round 2

- 1.) Withdrawal of High Street Fund Application Let's ignite the spark in HIGHAMSPark**
- 2.) Letter of Support for "A New Creative Hub for Wood Street/Waltham Forest"**

I am writing to you in reference to our High Street Fund application of 1st December, 2014 entitled "[Let's ignite the spark in HIGHAMSPark](#)", to advise you that we will not be re-applying for funding for this round. We have been in discussions with Wood Street Walls and, as there is a lot of common ground in our aspirations, we believe that the interests of local residents will be better served by **putting our support behind Wood Street Walls application for "A New Creative Hub for Wood Street/Waltham Forest" (Wood Street Studios).**

Wood Street Walls have demonstrated their commitment to the area by self funding 14 murals, sponsoring and participating in the E17 Art Trail, including the upcoming Leytonstone Arts trail and Walthamstow Garden Party and laying on their first workshops for the local community.

We believe that supporting Wood Street Walls bid to help increase the current low provision of affordable artist workspace in Waltham Forest, while providing periodic free workshops for the community, Wood Street Walls can help sustain their commitment to the Waltham Forest for increased throughput of delivery of public art and most importantly, community engagement: helping reinvigorate the high streets in the borough. We have already been in discussions with them about several projects in the Highams Park area and we are confident through WSW's crowdfunding campaign, Highams Park and the whole of Waltham Forest will benefit from their activities.

We hope that you seriously consider and approve their application.

Yours faithfully,

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