



## A Message from Our Patron

I have been associated with the Thames Landscape Strategy for 21 years and have great pleasure in writing this message of support. The Thames Landscape Strategy is a quite extraordinary phenomena. It is that very rare animal: an organisation with real popular appeal and an imaginative sense of what it is about landscapes that fire people's imagination. We should rejoice in having such an enthusiastic and committed partnership to guide the process of change along such a special stretch of river.

The number of conflicting interests and concerns that there are along both banks of the Thames is daunting. The great success of the Thames Landscape Strategy has been to bring together and organise this plethora of partners, boroughs and communities. By 'herding cats', it has achieved the impossible. The TLS has ensured that a varied wildlife habitat has been maintained, it has supported traditional river activities and has managed the landscape in a sensitive way that has complemented the marvellous historic buildings, nature reserves and parks that line this stretch of the Thames. The record of the Thames landscape Strategy is remarkable.

The ideas at the heart of the Thames Landscape Strategy were proposed by Kim Wilkie, whose ground breaking vision originally sparked the imagination of the community and boroughs along the Thames. Vision is quite easy to have when you start but to retain this vision; to survive the bureaucracies, finances, problems and meetings and, still to remain visionary after 21 years is however, a real achievement. I congratulate the Thames Landscape Strategy for what they have done so far and offer then my whole hearted support. I look forward to continued success.



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