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Re: Newport Associates Development Company  
Temporary Closure of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway  
Jersey City; Hudson County

Dear Mr. Haus:

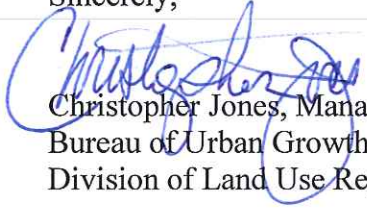
This is in response to your December 11, 2015 letter requesting the Department's consent to close a portion of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway between Park Lane South and a point just north of the existing Port Authority Pier, as depicted on the plan submitted to our office entitled "Hudson River Waterfront Walkway Closure Exhibit" prepared by Dresdner Robin, undated and attached to your letter as "Exhibit B".

According to information provided by you, the construction of the "Ellipse", a residential tower proposed on Pier 119B, requires the use of large construction cranes which pose a danger to the public. Therefore, Newport Associates would like to divert pedestrians from the walkway during construction. It is anticipated that the closure will be in place until May of 2016, and then will remain open until September of 2016 at which time it will close again until January of 2017. During the period of the walkway closure, pedestrians will be directed from Park Lane South to River Drive and then directed back to the walkway in the vicinity of the existing Port Authority Pier as shown on "Exhibit B".

Due to the safety concerns to pedestrians during construction of the "Ellipse", the Department consents to the closure of the walkway for the time period indicated above provided Newport Associates installs appropriate signage that directs pedestrians to the temporary detour. You must contact the Department if there is any change in the location of the temporary pedestrian detour or for any changes in the time or duration of the closure.

You may contact me at the above address, or [Christopher.Jones@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Christopher.Jones@dep.nj.gov), or at (609) 984-6216 if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Construction official City of Jersey City