

Whitehall Palace  
London

8th September 1666

**To: Year 2 Architects**

Having discussed this matter with my most trusted advisors at the palace, we have decided to hire YOU to rebuild our wonderful city!  
Our requirements for the rebuild are set out in detail below.

**Safety**

As you are aware, the fire spread so rapidly because the buildings were built so close together. We will be requirement more space and fire breaks in case another fire breaks out.

The fire was not put out quickly enough due to a lack of places to get water from. We will therefore need water points across the city. I have also heard of a new-fangled idea called a fire brigade! You may want to include some fire stations (I think this is what they are called).

**Roads**

To allow horses and carriages get around the city you will need to think carefully about how the roads are designed.

**Buildings**

As you know, 87 churches were destroyed in the fire, most people in 1666 attend church every week. It is very important that you include these along with rebuilding our beloved St Pauls Cathedral.

Trading places like markets are very important to our city.

Houses will need rebuilding; you may want to think carefully about where these are built and what they are made from.

Have a think about any other buildings we may need in a city like London.

**Making the city attractive**

Although the fire devasted London, this is a chance to design a beautiful new city. With things for people to do and see in their spare time.

**Remembering the Fire**

We think it is important to remember the fire so we would like a monument of some kind in memory of this terrible event.

The rest of the city we will leave in your capable hands. We can’t wait to see the finished designs!  
Please complete your plans and return to the palace as soon as possible.

Yours Faithfully

HRH Charles II