



Aldersgate



Save the Date!

The next Ward surgery is Tuesday 10th January in the Lilac Room of the Barbican Estate Office from 6pm to 8pm.

Promises vs Action

It is good to know that "The City of London Corporation has adopted a radical Climate Action Strategy which breaks new ground and sets out how the organisation will achieve net zero, build climate resilience and champion sustainable growth, both in the UK and globally, over the next two decades."

It is also heartening that the Chair of the City Corporation's Policy and Resources Committee aims to reset the relationship between residents and the City Corporation.

Those two items of good news have, regrettably, yet to translate into tangible actions when seen in context to Planning approvals and Planning proposals to overdevelop sites in and adjacent to our Ward.

As I write, the proposal to significantly increase the size of One Golden Lane has just been approved at the Planning Committee, although our Ward members voted against it. That was a disappointing result given the many objections to the proposal and many objectors at the meeting.

Further disappointment comes in the decision by the Policy and Resources Committee to approve the controversial proposals for the Museum of London – albeit in modestly reduced scale. This decision was particularly frustrating as the Barbican Quarter Action group had shared a report from independent subject matter experts that raised important questions about the advice the City of London has received about this proposal.

The proposal for the Museum site also puts the City Corporation in conflict with its own net zero commitment. This is underlined by waning Industry confidence in the 'whole life carbon assessment' system, that estimates the carbon used over decades. Given the use of this system to bolster the argument for this proposed overdevelopment, the proposal for the Museum site cannot be seen as a win for either the Corporation, our Ward, or the future of our Planet.



Beech Street

A revised zero emission proposal for Beech Street may soon be approved for public consultation. This proposal will be similar to the prior Beech Street scheme, with only zero emission vehicles heading west.

It will, however, allow all vehicles to use Beech Street eastbound between Golden Lane and Silk Street. This has the obvious potential to turn Golden Lane into a rat-run with increased traffic and pollution passing past schools and homes, so be sure to have your say in the consultation.

On a more positive note, I hope that you have had a chance to use the new Elizabeth Line and discover how to access it via both Moorgate and Barbican Stations. Our Ward has always benefitted from a variety of public transport options, and this new line is proving to be a real asset, with easier access to facilities both east and west of our homes.

Cost of living crisis

With the cost of living continuing to spiral upwards, please remember that various options are available to residents, and that it is always best to seek help sooner rather than later. These options include the London Capital Credit Union that has supported thousands of people in and around the City to save and helped to clear existing high-cost debts as a way of reducing monthly expenditure. You can explore more and join this organisation at www.credit-union.coop

Meeting up

Chances to make new friends and see more of our great capital are always welcome, so do take a moment to check out the Aldersgate Ward Club. Declaration of interest: I've just become its President!

The Ward Club is a great way to meet your neighbours and get to know those who you might otherwise pass on the highwalk. The Club's new Master, Rachelle Goldberg, has an exciting range of activities planned during the year and you can contact her through the website www.aldersgategatewardclub.co.uk/

Changing times

The sad passing of the late Queen highlighted the City's historic role in the transition between monarchs, which was brought to life with the proclamation of King Charles III on the steps of the Royal Exchange. Since then, The City has elected its new Lord Mayor, two new Sheriffs and held the world's largest unrehearsed procession, the Lord Mayor's Show. I hope you had the chance to see it and that you enjoyed the annual spectacle.

As we now count down to the end of another busy year, all the Elected Members for your Ward join me in sending you our very best wishes for a happy and peaceful 2023.

Christopher Makin

104th Alderman for the Ward of Aldersgate

Construction begins on justice and policing hub

The City of London Corporation, the Ministry of Justice and the City of London Police have celebrated the start of construction on a 45,785 sqm civic scheme to boost the justice system's work to crack down on fraud.

Funded and delivered by the City Corporation, the Salisbury Square Development on Fleet Street will house the City of London Law Courts and a state-of-the-art headquarters for the City of London Police and is due to be completed in 2026.

With 18 courtrooms, the City of London Law Courts will combine magistrates, civil and crown courts in one flagship facility. The courts will harness new technology and modern ways of working to try economic crime cases.

As the lead force investigating cyber and economic crime nationally, the new headquarters will equip the City of London Police with the tools needed to face the challenges of 21st century policing.

Home to 2,500 jobs – 400 of which will be newly created – the scheme will generate an estimated £51m in productivity benefits (Gross Value Added) per year.



Worried about the cost of living?



Get support from City Advice – the City of London Corporation's specialist, independent service that provides guidance to those who live and work in the Square Mile.

You can speak the team and get free, impartial and confidential advice on welfare benefits, debt and money, housing support, employment rights and more.

Call 020 7392 2919;
Text 07432 658 083;
email city.advice@toynbeehall.org.uk;
or visit
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityadvice

For more information on this and other sources of help visit:
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Green light for refurbishment plan

The City Corporation has resolved to approve the refurbishment and extension of Cripplegate House, which will create 15,471 square metres of high-quality, Grade A flexible office floorspace together with a new community and cultural space.

The refurbished and extended building at 1 Golden Lane – proposed by Castleforge – will add an extra 2,485 square metres of space to the existing site to meet continuing strong demand from occupiers in the Square Mile.

The scheme will form part of Culture Mile, with the community

and cultural space at ground level set to be combined with new public artwork and murals around the site. This will be accompanied with other public realm and lighting enhancements around the site.

It will be designed to high sustainability standards, incorporating a significant element of integrated urban greening, climate resilience and energy efficiency. The scheme targets BREEAM 'Outstanding' and adopts Circular Economy principles. A total of 222 long stay and 14 new short-stay cycle parking spaces will be provided to encourage active travel.



On the ball

Portraits of the Euro 2020 England men's football squad and its manager, Gareth Southgate, are being shown at the City Corporation's Guildhall Art Gallery.

From Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham to Bukayo Saka and Raheem Sterling, the free exhibition, 'This is England', features

the most successful men's national team since the winners of the World Cup in 1966, after reaching the final of Euro 2020.

Artist Matt Small's paintings, which are on loan from Moniker Foundation and managed by JG Contemporary, will be on display in the Temple Room at the gallery.

The artworks celebrate the diversity of what it means to be English today and recognises the players' superb teamwork and admirable stance on equality, inclusivity, and racial injustice.

Don't lose your vote



City of London elections are your way to help shape the future of the Square Mile. Unlike elsewhere, both workers and residents can vote and you must re-confirm your registration each year. If you are a City worker, you can request a vote at your organisation at www.speakforthecity.com

Voter registration forms must be received by 16th December. If you would like to receive this by email or have any questions, please contact electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

While the next election for all Common

Councillors will not be held until 2025, elections for Aldermen and by-elections may be held at any time. If you are passionate about the City and are interested in standing for election in the future, please find out more at www.speakforthecity.com/stand

Statement of community involvement

The City Corporation is to ask people for their views on a new Statement of Community Involvement setting out how engagement and consultation will take place with the Square Mile's communities on planning applications and planning policy matters.

The revised Statement of Community Involvement replaces one previously agreed in July 2016. It incorporates consultation and engagement lessons learned during the pandemic, when new and innovative ways to communicate with stakeholders were introduced effectively.

This includes making provision for online and hybrid meetings and consultation events, the use of new presentational techniques such as 3D modelling and the use of QR codes.

These will be utilised alongside more traditional methods to increase engagement in planning matters.

The City Corporation continues to encourage developers to consult with local communities ahead of taking their proposals forward by submitting a formal planning application. To ensure this is done well, draft guidance for developers on the City Corporation's expectations has also been prepared for consultation.

Both the Statement of Community Involvement and the developer engagement guidance will be issued for public consultation then brought back to the Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration and formal approval.



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Community & Children's Services Committee

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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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Culture Mile Business Improvement District (BID)

Local businesses will be balloted on plans for a Culture Mile BID in January. A BID is a "legally and geographically defined business-led partnership for area improvement ... funded by levy-paying businesses". There are four other BIDs in the City of London.

If approved, local businesses, with a rateable value of £200,000 or more of will pay a one percent levy, that will raise £1.8 million in the first year.

Your Ward Members are keen that the residents' interests are not overlooked in a scheme funded and governed by businesses. The good news is that the

top priorities identified by businesses are shared by many residents: more greening, less air pollution, and easier walking and cycling.

Further, the proposal states that "The Culture Mile BID wants to work collaboratively with its residential communities, recognising the valuable contribution the wider community makes to the vibrancy and identity of the area. We want to develop a framework for meaningful engagement, which enables residents to feed into the work of the BID, not simply be informed of its plans.

This could take the form of a Community Forum, facilitated by the BID, resident involvement with steering groups and agreed channels of communication between the BID and residential communities, working closely with ward member and resident associations".

Your Ward members will be keeping a close eye on the BID. Should it be approved, we will be working to ensure that promises made to residents and smaller local businesses are kept.

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