



Cripplegate



Here is some of the work we, your councillors have been doing over the last 6 months. We wish you all the very best for 2023.

Susan Pearson. General Purposes Committee of Aldermen, Nominations Committee of Aldermen, Planning and Transportation Committee, Streets and Walkways Sub-committee, Local Plans Sub-committee. I have retained my position on the Planning committee and its two sub-committees until the by-election and together with Natasha Lloyd-Owen we continue to question planning applicants on their carbon emissions and sustainability. In the recent application for Crescent House window pilot both Anne Corbett and Mark Bostock added their voice to that of the objectors, and for 1 Golden Lane, Liz King spoke with the objections. Unfortunately, both objections were lost by a fine margin but we continue to fight to make sure our resident issues are heard.

Deputy Mark Bostock. Barbican Residential Committee, Culture Heritage and Libraries, Board of Governors City of London School for Girls, Markets Board, Member Development Steering Group.

Two issues dominate. The estate offices, neither of which seem to consider the value of the services they provide. There are ongoing issues of repairs and maintenance which affect many residents and I am supporting the two resident associations. The City's development plans for London Wall West involve demolishing Bastion House and the Museum of London to erect two office towers. Helen Fentimen (Aldersgate) and I are working with the Barbican Quarter Action. In response to the opposition, the City has recently decided to reduce the mass of these new towers by a marginal amount. Without continued pressure the planning application will be submitted in the spring.



Aldersgate and Cripplegate councillors with the BQA report challenging the City's proposal

Deputy Natasha Lloyd-Owen. Community and Children's Services, Planning and Transportation Committee, Local Plans Sub-committee, Port Health and Environmental Services.

On 20 October, I asked the Policy & Resources Committee to introduce public questions at Court of Common Council meetings so that all City Councillors can hear directly from the communities we represent. The committee considered four options for public questions: at Common Council meetings; at relevant committee meetings; at a dedicated forum; or the current system where contributions are made through councillors. The majority of members of the committee (none of whom represent Cripplegate) proposed a quarterly "People's Question Time" at which residents, workers and students can ask questions and make contributions. This decision will go to the Court of Common Council's December meeting (exactly a year after I asked the council to look at the issue). Clearly, residents should have a say in this decision, so please get in touch with me.

Anne Corbett. Deputy Chair Barbican Residential Committee, Community and Children's Services, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub-committee, Safeguarding Sub-committee.

The energy crisis means that energy bills will be higher for the foreseeable future. I have raised this in the Community and Children's Services committee meetings and the Corporation is offering to improve insulation in Golden Lane flats which will help reduce bills. Residents have received a survey which should be completed if you need help. The insulation service will be free to Corporation tenants but charged to leaseholders, however, there will be no work done in your home without your permission and approval. Carers, cared for and housebound are particularly affected due to the cost of heating and running specialist equipment. As Lead Member I am working with the Carers Project Lead – Farzana Khanom. Contact Frazana farzan@ccth.org.uk or me for information about support.

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Susan Pearson new Alderwoman



2022 has been a time of change in Cripplegate ward. In March we elected six new councillors, replacing those who retired, a much more diverse group of members with a wide range of age and experience. David Graves retired as Alderman in the summer and on 15th September I was elected as your new Alderwoman. A very big thank you to all who came out to vote, giving me a clear mandate to speak on your behalf. A short reminder too to make sure your name is on the electoral register by 16th December so that you can vote in the by-election triggered by my win, which will be held after the new register is published in February.

I officially became Alderwoman on 18th October. Unfortunately, Deputy Mark Bostock was unable to attend and at the last minute Liz King stepped in to make an excellent introductory speech at the Aldermanic Court. At the time of writing, I have little experience of aldermanic life, with the Lord Mayors show still to come on November 12th.

My deputies are MARK BOSTOCK (Within) and NATASHA LLOYD-OWEN (Without)

Ward advice surgeries

are held on the first Thursday of every month from 7.00-8.00pm in the Golden Lane Community Centre. There will always be two or three members in attendance.

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:
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/costofliving

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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Note 1
The Alderman appoints the Deputies.
Note 2
The Deputies nominate Cripplegate ward members to some committees eg Community and

Children's Services and Barbican Residential. Other committees eg. Policy and Resources are filled by a vote of the Common Council.
Note 3
The Common Council is the ultimate decision maker,

but it generally accepts the recommendations of its committees. Committees are where most substantive discussion takes place and the role of the Chairman is critical. Most Deputy Chairmen become Chairmen.

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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.

COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

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Elizabeth King. Barbican Residential Committee, Finance Committee, Port Health and Environment Committee, Local Plans Subcommittee. As a member of Port Health and Environment, I have been working with officers on street cleaning, public urination and the provision of public toilets. We were able to secure extra funding for more street cleansing after the Golden Key events in October and for a 3 month trial of the "Urillift" temporary urinals. Extra crews and deep cleaning have been deployed in street urination problem areas, and have been increasing the number of enforcement notices. If you see any issues out on the streets, you can report them here (https://mycity.cityoflondon.gov.uk/service/Fault_reporting) In Common Council I spoke about the impact that food inflation is having on the already higher prices in supermarkets here in the City.

Frances Leach. Barbican Residential Committee, Community and Children's Services, Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee, Keats House Consultative Committee. In the last few months, I have joined Children and Community Services to support my Cripplegate colleagues on the committee. CCS oversees the City of London's social, health and community provisions. I will be working on the Crescent House windows projects, the ongoing issue of Beech Street tunnel and the cost-of-living crisis. On Culture, Heritage and Libraries I am fighting to support local arts venues that are struggling to stay afloat. Their closure would have a huge impact on our community and the rest of the country. This is a challenging time for us all, and I welcome anyone who needs support to reach out to me at any time.

Paul Singh. Audit and Risk Committee, Digital services Committee, Finance Committee, Property Investment Board, Policy lead for SMEs. Given the impact of London Wall West on residents, I was encouraged to be elected to the Property Investment Board in time for the crucial vote in July 2022 on whether to proceed with the development. Despite formally voicing my full opposition (see <https://paulsingh.london/london-wall-west/>), I was outvoted not only once but again at the September 2022 meeting (1 to 3 in favour). We will certainly not give up although it does highlight the influence that residential Councillors can have if they get on the right committees. In October 2022, I was elected as the City's Policy Lead for SMEs where, amongst other responsibilities, I will be supporting the many struggling micro and small businesses in our Ward.

Ceri Wilkins. Community and Children's Services Committee, Housing Management and Almshouses Sub-committee, Integrated Care Partnership, Licensing Committee, Safeguarding Sub-committee. I am on the Housing Management and Almshouses Committee and have recently been asked to act as the Representative for all Golden Lane Estate residents for any issues on the Estate. At the recent GLERA meeting, many issues arose regarding the contractors who are brought in to do repairs. It was confirmed that the WATES contract is coming to an end and so there will be a tender to find a replacement. I will do my utmost to keep all residents updated on this issue and also to speak in Committee to ensure that their replacement is both efficient and reliable and are also familiar with the estates listed status.