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THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION LICENSING POLICY – HAVE YOUR SAY

The City of London Corporation is currently consulting on their Licensing Policy, which has to be reviewed every three years. The revised policy is due to come into effect on Monday 10 January, 2011.

The current policy, which can be found at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/licensingact will be revised to reflect changing circumstances and any relevant concerns and comments received. It will continue to focus on promoting the four statutory Licensing Objectives of prevention of crime & disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance, and protection of children from harm.

The City of London Corporation are asking for comments in relation to how the City of London can best promote the above Licensing Objectives and particularly:-

- (a) Can you provide examples of serious issues or concerns emanating from licensable activity in your area of the City during the past three years, which should guide our approach to licensing in the future?
- (b) Are there any specific policies you would like the City to adopt or retain which will assist in the promotion of the four Licensing Objectives?
- (c) Have you any examples of good practice from other licensing authorities that you would like to see the City adopt?
- (d) Are there any other changes you would like to see in the current Policy?

If you have any views on any of these, please consider making a representation, however brief. Residents may for example wish to point out the problem from "low-level" anti-social behaviour, eg talking into mobile phones, shouting, talking outside whilst smoking, banging car doors etc late at night; incidents that of themselves do not constitute "public nuisance" but cumulatively make life a misery for local residents.

Comments should be sent to the Licensing Team **by 30 September 2010**, by email: licensing@cityoflondon.gov.uk, telephone: 020 7332 3406 or post: Licensing Team, Department of Environmental Services, PO Box 270 Guildhall, London, EC2P 2EJ

LUTYENS GRILL, 85 FLEET STREET

A hearing took place on Friday 30 July 2010 regarding an application by Lutyens Grill for a variation of their premises licence which would allow greater use of the space outside their premises. Representations were made by local residents concerned about late night noise from people drinking outside the bar / restaurant. The Licensing Sub-Committee granted the application but stipulated that there should be no sale of alcohol in unsealed containers for consumption off the premises after 21.30 hours and that consumption of food and alcohol will take place at tables outside the premises and end by 21.30 hours. It was also agreed that there is no intention to place any form of outdoor heating in the area.

THAMES TUNNEL CONSULTATION

Thames Water are consulting on proposals for a Thames tunnel intended significantly to reduce the amount of untreated sewage which is discharged into the River Thames. It is estimated that each year 39 million tones of untreated sewage flushes into the river.

The one site in the City which is likely to be affected by this major construction project is the foreshore of the river by Blackfriars Bridge, where one of the major Combined Sewer Overflows ("CSOs") will be constructed. This work is expected to take approximately 4 years and will require a large building site which will inevitably encroach onto the surrounding roads.

Elected members are concerned at the further disruption this is likely to cause in the Blackfriars area, which is already suffering major disruption during the current building works at Blackfriars Station, and will be pressing for measures to minimize this where possible, for example by using the river for deliveries and removals rather than heavy lorries.

There will be a public exhibition on the proposals from 27 – 29 September at Fishmongers' Hall, London Bridge, 10.30 am – 8.00 pm; 5.00 pm Weds. We will also seek to arrange a special meeting within the ward on the proposals within the next few weeks – details will follow. See also www.thamestunnelconsultation.co.uk

BLACKFRIARS STATION UPDATE

As part of the Thameslink Programme, Blackfriars National Rail station will close to passengers from Saturday 20 November until Sunday 16 January 2011.

The closure of the station is primarily required to enable the through running lines to be switched from the west side of the bridge to the east side, allowing the new terminating platforms to be constructed. During the closure period trains will continue to run through the station but will not stop. However from 25-30 December inclusive, the station will be closed completely, with no trains running between St Pancras International/ Kentish Town and London Bridge/Herne Hill. Upon reopening on 17 January 2011, the station will be served by a new interim entrance on the east side of the railway bridge with the main entrance from the north in Queen Victoria Street. The temporary entrance on Paul's Walk will close. Check www.thameslinkprogramme.co.uk for more details.

Residents will be well aware of the government's ongoing Comprehensive Spending Review. We will be pressing for momentum to be kept up on the Thameslink programme despite this review. Not only is it essential to the City, but our residents have suffered severe inconvenience and trouble so far, this will have been wasted if the benefits of the programme are not realized. Residents wishing to add their voices to ours should contact Catherine on catherine.mcguinness@cityoflondon.gov.uk for further details.

DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE

The annual canvas for the Register of Electors has just begun. All residential properties should now have received their forms. There are two separate forms to complete, one for the City Ward List and the other for parliamentary and other elections. You should complete both forms and return them as soon as soon as possible. If you have not received forms please contact the Electoral Services Department on 0800 587 5537.

Remember, you can register for a vote for local elections in the City even if this is a second home and you are also registered to vote elsewhere. The more residents we can show we have in the Ward the easier it is to argue that your interests need protecting over questions such as noisy building work at anti-social hours, or local services.

JAZZ AND DR JOHNSON

A special event at Dr Johnson's House takes place at 7.30pm on 6 and 7 October: The Chris Hodgkins Jazz Quartet and Susan Sheridan present an evening of intelligent jazz interspersed with the wit and wisdom of Dr Johnson and James Boswell to evoke the trials, tribulations and triumphs of Johnson's life. The performance is based on the jazz suite "Boswell's London Journal" with narrative by actress Susan Sheridan. Tickets for this intriguing event are £30 (£25 concessions) from the House, but must, on this occasion, be booked in advance. The performance lasts 90 minutes excluding an interval.

BRIDEWELL THEATRE – AUTUMN PROGRAMME

The programme at the Bridewell Theatre for the next few months features the following shows. For ticket purchases, please go online www.stbridefoundation.org/bridewelltheatre or telephone 020 7353 3331 for information on how to book.

Lunchbox Theatre

- ▶ Canterbury Tales (Faction Theatre Co. in association with the Bridewell Theatre) – 26 October to 19 November.

Evening Programme

- ▶ Sordid Lives (The Tower Theatre Company): 22 – 25 September
- ▶ Too Dam Hot (SEDOS): 28 September – 2 October
- ▶ Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) (Guildhall School of Music and Drama): 18 – 21 October
- ▶ My Mother Never Said I Should (The Tower Theatre Company): 26 – 30 October
- ▶ 'Allo 'Allo (Spread Eagle Players): 3 – 6 November

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