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## UPCOMING MEETINGS: 14 NOVEMBER, 22 NOVEMBER AND 10 DECEMBER

### **West Area Community Partnership Meeting – Wednesday 14 November @ 1.00 pm – Grange St Paul's**

Castle Baynard and the two Farringdon Wards form the west area of the city for ward policing. Community Partnership meetings take place on a regular basis and give both residents and business workers an opportunity to discuss community issues with the ward policing team and influence ward policing priorities where priorities are set for the following period. The next meeting on Wednesday 14 November will focus on licensing issues – a topical issue given the problems experienced by our neighbours in Carter Lane. A representative from the City of London Police's Licensing Team will be present to talk about how the licensing process works from the police's point of view and to field questions. The new City of London Police Inspector for our area, Hector McKoy will be attending.

### **Rest of City Residents' Meeting – Thursday 22 November @ 6.30 pm – City of London School**

The next Rest of City Residents' Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Thursday 22 November at the City of London School (Asquith Room), 107 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 3AL. Refreshments available from 6.00 pm. These meetings are open to all residents who do not live in one of the City's estates and is your opportunity to raise issues with staff of the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police; for example on crime, safety. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Claire Holdgate on 020 7332 3176.

### **Ward Surgery – Monday 10 December @ 5.30 pm – Salisbury Room, St Bride's Institute**

We will be holding our next ward surgery on Monday 10 December from 5.30 - 7.00 pm at St Bride's Institute. This is an opportunity to meet your elected members and raise any concerns you may have about the Ward or the services provided by the City of London Corporation. We encourage you to come and look forward to seeing you.

## ROUGH SLEEPERS IN THE WARD

A number of rough sleepers have again been spotted within the ward, in the area round St Bride's Lane and the courts to the north of Fleet Street. The City of London commissions an outreach service, provided by Broadway, who works with rough sleepers in the Square Mile. If you see someone sleeping rough, please contact the Broadway outreach team on 020 7426 9610 (24 hour cover) or PC Robert Bliss through the Safer Wards policing team on 0207 601 2452/2473.

## CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW

On 16 October, the Boundary Commission for England published their revised proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England. In their first set of proposals, the Boundary Commission had suggested breaking the historic link between the City of London and the City of Westminster for purposes of our Parliamentary constituency.

Following extensive submissions from the Corporation, your elected members, the three main political parties and various stakeholders, including a large response from members of the public, all arguing for the retention of the link, the Boundary Commission have revised their original proposals. They are now proposing the retention of the link between the City of London and the City of Westminster.

A further round of consultation now takes place on the revised proposals. This will be the last opportunity to comment before their final report is delivered. The Corporation will submit a response, welcoming the proposal to retain the link. The clear desire for residents to continue the link with Westminster was very obvious and the Boundary Commission factored this in.

## COMING SOON AT DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE

Mr Foote's Other Leg: Crime, Comedy and Tragedy in Georgian London. Thursday 29 November 7.00 pm (doors open 6.15 pm). An illustrated lecture by actor and biographer Ian Kelly. Ian Kelly's newly published biography of Samuel Foote addresses crime, comedy and notoriety in Dr Johnson's London through the person of Samuel Foote, the world's first celebrity impressionist, drag artist, crime writer and eventually patentee of the Theatre Royal Haymarket. A light-hearted evening about the interplay of fame, fashionability, theatre and notoriety that so fascinated Dr Johnson. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) from [www.drjohnsonhouse.org/events](http://www.drjohnsonhouse.org/events) or phone 020 7353 3745.

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### THAMES TIDEWAY TUNNEL CONSIDERED BY CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

We have previously updated you about Thames Water's proposal for the Thames Tideway Tunnel. Within our Ward this will involve building out into the river, just upstream from Blackfriars Bridge, to sink a vertical shaft into the main tunnel, which closely follows the River. The outflow from the Fleet Sewer, which would otherwise discharge untreated sewage into the Thames after periods of heavy rainfall, would be diverted into the new shaft.

The Corporation of London's Planning and Transportation Committee recently considered a report on this project prior to a planning application being received some time next year. On 23 June 2012 the Thames Tideway Tunnel was designated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to the Planning Act 2008. The Act requires that pre-application consultations be carried out with local authorities, local communities and stakeholders. This is prior to an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) which is then considered by a Planning Inspector.

The DCO will seek a number of powers including:

- Power to construct the NSIP – all tunnels and interception shafts,
- Associated development – above ground structures, including ventilation structures and columns, control buildings, new hard and soft landscaping,
- Powers to compulsorily acquire land, to acquire new rights over land and to extinguish rights,
- Powers to use land temporarily for construction and maintenance,
- Powers to work on and make changes to public highways and other rights of way.

To date there have been two rounds of public consultation, in which members have participated. As a result of the second stage consultation, a number of changes have been made by Thames Water: they have amended the design of the foreshore structure to introduce opportunities for play, additional planting, water features and canopies for shade. They have addressed a number of river navigation issues by reducing the encroachment of the permanent structure into the River. And the transport strategy has been revised to make further use of the River for spoil removal. This should reduce the number of lorry movements by 5000, a reduction of 27.7%

The proposed relocation of Blackfriars Pier to a position alongside Baynard House (between the Mermaid Conference Centre and the City of London School) would mean that access to the pier would be from a particularly narrow section of the Riverside Walkway. Thames Water will need to demonstrate suitable access arrangements to the pier whilst maintaining the integrity of the flood defences in this location. Construction traffic is a major concern – with an average of 11 per day during the duration of the project and an average of 46 per day during a peak three month period.

Your Members are pleased to see a reduction in the proposed number of lorry movements. However there would still be 13350 lorry movements during the project and in particular we consider the peak figure of 46 per day to be unacceptable. Much of this traffic will be ready-mixed concrete. We will be pressing for the use of barges for the delivery of ready-mixed concrete. We are also pleased to see the proposed amendments to the foreshore structure and will be pressing for this to be an enhancement to the area.

The City of London has also commented on the need to consult with adjoining owners, for example the City of London School, on the need to maintain access to the Riverside Walkway and Thames Bridges, particularly disabled access links, and on the impact of views of and the settings of significant heritage assets, for example Unilever House, Blackfriars Bridge, 60 Victoria Embankment and the impact on the Whitefriars Conservation Area. The City has therefore requested a full Historical Environment Assessment, including on buried remains. Protected Views are another issue, as the project is likely to have an impact on the panorama of the River from the Monument.

We will continue to monitor this project closely to ensure that the interests of all stakeholders in Castle Baynard are safeguarded and that all possible mitigation measures are taken by Thames Water. We intend to return to this important project in future issues.

### WARD LISTS 2013/2014 – LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

To register to vote on the Ward Lists for 2013/2014 you needed to complete a registration form during the autumn canvass period. **There is still time to submit your details, these must be provided to Electoral Services no later than Friday 14 December – please contact them on 0800 587 5537 or email [electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk).**