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ROUGH SLEEPING IN THE WARD | RESIDENTS' MEETING – TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER – SHOE LANE LIBRARY AT 6.00 PM

In some areas of the ward, particularly in and around the courts north of Fleet Street, there have been, and continue to be, persistent problems with rough sleeping.

Henrika Priest, Jeremy Simons and Natasha Lloyd-Owen have been working very closely with the Corporation and its partners over a period of time to resolve this. Given that rough sleeping is an extremely complex issue, we have organized a meeting with relevant officers of the Corporation's Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping team to give you an opportunity to meet and discuss this issue directly with us.

An invitation to this meeting will be sent to you by the Corporation of London. In the meantime, the meeting details are as follows: **Tuesday 10 September, 6.00 pm at Shoe Lane Library, Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London EC4A 3JR.**

WARD SURGERIES – SHOE LANE LIBRARY

We continue to hold ward surgeries at Shoe Lane Library. The next few dates and times are as follows:

September 10 at 5:30pm and October 8 at 1pm.

Please do take this opportunity to come and raise any local issues which you may have. If you can't get there, don't hesitate to contact any of us by email at the addresses shown on the Corporation's website: <http://democracy.cityoflondon.gov.uk/mgFindMember.aspx> or the Castle Baynard Ward website: <http://castle-baynard.org.uk/contacts-and-useful-links/>.

BREXIT

With the possibility of a no-deal exit more likely, we urge ward businesses and residents to ensure that they have preparations in place. Some guidance for businesses is signposted on the City of London website, www.cityoflondon.gov.uk; and guidance for EU citizens living in London can be found on the GLA website, at <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/eu-londoners-hub/brexit-what-you-need-know>.

We will be pressing the City of London Corporation to keep information for residents and City businesses up to date.

BLACKFRIARS FORESHORE UPDATE

As part of the new Thames Tideway Tunnel Super Sewer project a new public space is being constructed on the west side of the Blackfriars Bridge foreshore.

Nathan Coley (a contemporary British artist who was shortlisted for the Turner Prize in 2007) has been commissioned to design art for the new space and members of the City's Arts Initiative including ward members Graham Packham and Jeremy Simons recently attended a presentation from the artist to provide feedback on the initial designs (see pictures right). The proposed black monoliths include a water wall and a stage for small scale performances.

The likely timescale for opening is 2023 and this promises to provide an exciting new amenity for the ward.



Check out our website for more ward news and further details on newsletter topics!

www.castle-baynard.org.uk

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DOCKLESS CYCLE HIRE

Dockless cycle hire is a generic term for short-term rental schemes with no on-street docking stations. These offer users more flexibility than Santander Cycles but are causing problems as bikes are being left on City pavements causing obstructions. While we wish to strongly encourage more cycling, these operators are causing hazards to those pedestrians who are partially sighted and also mean that busy roads have to be used for walking by others to avoid the obstructions.



A 6-month trial has been launched by the City to assess the effectiveness of designating parking locations for Dockless bikes, with two operators chosen whose cycles have geo fencing capabilities which ensure that if bikes are parked outside designated areas their users incur penalty charges.

At the moment it is difficult for Local Authorities in London to control these operators, so the City is drafting a new Byelaw on behalf of all of the boroughs in Greater London – the intention is delegation to London Councils Transport and Environment Committee, to enable a pan London approach to be adopted. The aim is to put in place legal requirements that would largely make proper parking “self-policing”, by requiring all cycles to be fitted with devices that prevent the hirer from terminating the hire period (and therefore terminating the related charges) unless the cycle is in an approved space. It is likely that the new bye-law will not come into force until early 2020, but this should then enable these schemes to operate without the current problems being experienced across London.

ADVERTISING BOOTHS

Residents may have noticed the old telephone box in Fleet Street which has recently been converted for use as an advertising kiosk. Planning applications have been received by the City to convert these to other uses such as mini coffee bars, but most have been refused because of the obstruction that would be caused due to users blocking the narrow pavements where they are located. Given that we have over 500,000 pedestrians in the City daily, pavement space is precious and must be maximized for people on foot. Members are pressing officers to get this box removed, and this is in progress. A number of the historic boxes in the Square Mile such as those by the Royal Exchange are protected by listing, and there is no intention by the City for these to be removed.



MUSEUM OF LONDON CONSULTATION

There's still time to give your views on the Museum of London's exciting plans to move to West Smithfield, just up the road from Castle Baynard. The new home for the museum will sit in atmospheric but currently dilapidated market buildings, at the heart of one of the capital's most historic and creative quarters, Smithfield. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reconceive what a museum for London can be, engaging with more Londoners and visitors to the capital, and working with more schoolchildren as an integral part of Culture Mile. Visit <https://museum.london/> for details and the survey.

CROSSRAIL

One feature which will make the new home for the museum great is its proximity to our new local Elizabeth Line station, Farringdon. Ward councillors have been frustrated at the delay and look forward to the central section finally opening in late 2020/early 2021. Catherine McGuinness recently joined the chair and deputy chair of Crossrail on a visit to Farringdon and confirms that, in addition to the major connectivity benefits the line will bring, the station promises to be very impressive indeed.

