



Castle Baynard Newsletter

April 2024 | Stop Press Issue

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TOKYO HIT LICENSING HEARING: APPLICATION APPROVED

Monthly ward surgeries

Do you have an issue you'd like to raise with us in person?

We'll be at Shoe Lane Library (Hill House, EC4A 3JR) on the following dates:

5.30 pm – Tuesday 14 May

5.30 pm – Tuesday 11 June

5.30 pm – Tuesday 9 July

And then continuing on the 2nd Tuesday of every month for the rest of 2024.

Check out our website for other ward news.



In response to Bloomsbury Leisure Holding's application to open a mini golf and bowling alley in the old HSBC Bank premises on 165 Fleet Street, a record number of objections were lodged by residents, your councillors and Alderwoman, as well as the Corporation's Environmental Health and Planning teams (**a total of 35**), with the key area of concern being the proposed opening hours – until 02.00 Sunday to Saturday.

After the hearing, where Alderwoman Martha Grekos, Councillors Henrika Priest and Michael Hudson spoke against the application, together with representation from residents, the Licensing Sub-Committee panel took the decision, despite the strong opposition, to grant the licence with only minor changes to the opening hours: Mon – Wed 10:00 – 00:30; Thurs – Sat 10:00 – 01:30. The applicant agreed to no outside drinking. To read the full decision letter including licence conditions, please go to <https://castle-baynard.org.uk/ward-news/>. We are extremely disappointed with this outcome.

Before Tokyo Hit can open, they need approval for a change of premises use and it's still possible to submit objections: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk, search for **Planning Applications**, then input the application number (24/00236/FULL) and submit your comment online. A hearing will take place in the next couple of months to determine the use.

Hill House application approved | Shoe Lane library



The redevelopment of Hill House which will provide a new home for the Shoe Lane Library was passed by the Planning Application sub-committee last week. The meeting was chaired by ward member Graham Packham, Deputy Chair of the Planning Committee.

This will see a move of the library space to street level with double height premises and natural lighting facing onto an enlarged and newly landscaped Gunpowder Square. There will be a state-of-the-art design which was specified by City library staff, including the exclusive use of the 18th floor amenity space and rooftop for community events such as the Dragon Café.

While the building is being redeveloped by Landsec, the library will relocate to 1 New Change and the move is expected to take place at the end of 2024. We will keep you updated of further developments.

Want to receive your newsletter via email?
Let us know at enquiries@castle-baynard.org.uk



City Question Time | Tuesday 4 June 2024

Your chance to question senior officers and councillors. To receive an invitation to the next CQT, email residents@cityoflondon.gov.uk with your name and address.



City Belonging

A new initiative designed to build a more inclusive and connected Square Mile by developing links between diversity networks to ensure that the City's institutions and events are more open to all our communities than ever before. Check out belongingproject.city or contact belonging@cityoflondon.gov.uk.



Fleet Street Quarter Business Improvement District (FSQ BID)

Our ward makes up a large part of the FSQ BID which exists to engage local businesses as well as residents in the important regeneration of the Fleet Street area. Find out more at fleetstreetquarter.co.uk about the BID itself and the many regular events, and sign up to newsletter at info@fleetstreetquarter.co.uk



Destination City

The City's flagship programme sets out a vision for the Square Mile to become a world-leading leisure destination for residents, workers, students and visitors to enjoy. Check out what's on in the City at thecityofldn.com or contact Brendan.Barns@cityoflondon.gov.uk to attend to the monthly resident forums.



Heart of the City

Supported by City of London Corporation, the City Bridge Foundation and the Bank of England, Heart of the City promotes responsible business practices among SMEs, helping to support the journey to "Net Zero." For more information, go to theheartofthecity.com or email info@theheartofthecity.com.



City Giving Day | Tuesday 24 September

An annual day enabling City companies and employees to celebrate and showcase their philanthropic and volunteering achievements and encourage charitable giving. Find out more by emailing cgd@thelordmayorsappeal.org to register for the Mansion House engagement



John Griffiths



Mary Durcan



Michael Hudson



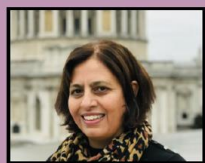
Catherine McGuinness



Graham Packham



Henrika Priest



Alpa Raja



Glen Witney

Something to report?



Rough sleeping: thestreetlink.org.uk

Noise pollution: call 0207 606 3030
(24-hour service)

Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, dumped bikes:

https://mycity.cityoflondon.gov.uk/service/Fault_reporting

Contact us directly:

enquiries@castle-baynard.org.uk