



Castle Baynard Newsletter

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GREEN SKILLS HUB & CREATIVE STUDIOS FLEET STREET QUARTER BID AND ATENOR JOIN FORCES

Give & Take Day at the Barbican

Saturday 13 July

If you're having a clear out, you could make sure your unwanted items find a new home, are recycled or disposed of responsibly whilst supporting the local community. Things accepted: clothes and shoes, toys, kitchenware, bric-a-brac, electrical items, DVDs.

For more information, and where to go, please see link below:

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events/give-and-take-day-13-july>

In brief | Tokyo Hit

Because of the public interest in this planning application, the Corporation is required to put it to the Planning Applications Sub-Committee (PASC) for determination.

However, as the agenda for PASC is extremely busy, the application won't come before that committee until after the summer recess, sometime in September.

We will notify everyone of that date in this newsletter and on our website:

<https://castle-baynard.org.uk/>

Ward members were delighted to be present at the launch of the Green Skills Hub and Creative Studio at Fleet House on New Bridge Street by the FSQ BID and Atenor on Wednesday 12 June.



The Hub runs courses designed to engage Londoners from a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and experiences. Where possible, students will be given job opportunities, with on and off-site career and education pathways into the construction sector.

The Hub will also house Fleet Studios, offering accessible art, podcast, and music studio space for creatives, alongside a public art gallery located in the foyer of Fleet House.

This is a brilliant "meanwhile use" of the building before its redevelopment starts which as well as providing welcome activation on New Bridge Street will provide much needed opportunities for young Londoners to improve their vocational skills and career prospects.

The art gallery is open to everyone, and residents and workers in the Ward are encouraged to stop by to see the art and speak to the team to find out more about this initiative. You will be very welcome.



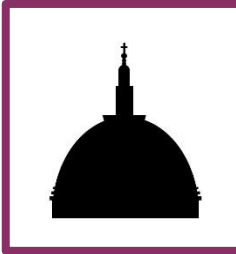
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Dumped e-bikes | Motion passed

There is a growing issue of badly parked dockless E-bikes in the City. At the last Court of Common Council, Ward member Graham Packham, Chairman of Streets & Walkways, seconded and spoke in favour of a motion which called on the operators to manage their fleets in line with available parking capacity and most importantly to prevent obstructions.



Currently, as a Local Authority, the City has no powers to directly manage or regulate dockless bikes and there is no government legislation imminent. The motion committed the Corporation to tackle the problem of discarded dockless E-bikes in the City streets while continuing to lobby for stronger legislation from national government. **The Streets & Walkways Committee will make it a priority to increase parking provision and will vigorously challenge operators to increase no-parking zones and to provide tangible proof that they are imposing penalties and bans on repeat offenders which they are plainly not doing at present.**



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COUNCILLOR SPOTLIGHT | Catherine McGuinness

What inspired you to become a councillor?

When working as a trainee solicitor in the City I quickly started to wonder what the City of London Corporation was all about and why it ran such a wide range of services, including, for example, Epping Forest, where I then lived. I stood for election because I wanted to contribute to those services and have represented the ward since 1997. I didn't quite realise what I was doing, though, and how it would give me a parallel career alongside my legal career! From 2017 – 2022 I was the chair of the City's Policy & Resources Committee - effectively, the leader - and as such worked closely with the business City through Brexit, and with the various layers of London government on our response to Covid.

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What City Corporation committees do you represent the Ward of Castle Baynard on?

I have been involved with many of the City's committees and boards, over the years, including chairing for example those overseeing Hampstead Heath, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Barbican Centre. Currently, I'm on the Finance Committee, the Corporate Services Committee, which oversees matters relating to the City's staff, and I chair the City of London Academies Trust, the trust of 10 academies (in Southwark, Islington, Hackney and Newham) which the City sponsors.

Do you have a concern that's particularly important to you?

One of my biggest concerns is for social mobility ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to develop to their full potential, whatever their background. The City Corporation has a lot to offer, not just through its schools but also its cultural institutions, and the work experience and jobs it can provide. That's good for people; it's good for business too, giving it access to the greatest possible range of talent.

What's your favourite place in Castle Baynard Ward?

St Paul's Cathedral and its churchyard. That dome is such a symbol of London and its resilience.

What's your City of London culture fix?

Going to the Barbican. Plus, I can't wait to see the London Museum open in its new home; I've visited the site during construction and it's going to be amazing!

If you could change one thing in the City, what would that be and why?

Locally - the state of Fleet Street. It's a sad shadow of its former self, but we're working very closely with developers, and the City's planning department to get it back to what it should be, a vibrant, busy place.

And what do you do in your spare time – if you have any?

Walk; listen to music; socialise. I recently completed the Capital Ring; a really fascinating way to discover parts of London I thought I knew from a different angle.



Mary Durcan



John Griffiths



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

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