



Castle Baynard Newsletter

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DECISION | TOKYO HIT SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING MOTION BRINGS TERMINAL HOUR BACK TO 11.00 PM

16 days of activism against gender-based violence | 25 Nov to 10 Dec

The Fleet Street Quarter BID remains focused on supporting women to feel safer when out socialising, commuting, and visiting the area. **This winter, the BID is adopting the United Nations '16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence' campaign**, which will see several workshops and activations across Fleet Street Quarter.

The programme of events focuses on three pillars of change: person centred, community based and, importantly, working toward cultural shifts. For more info, please go to:

www.fleetstreetquarter.co.uk/events/16-days-of-activism

Urban Farmer Project

A pioneering partnership between FSQ, Landsec and London's Community Kitchen launched end of November at a former bar at 18 Wine Office Court. **The Urban Farm tackles food waste, turning surplus ingredients into meals for those in food poverty.** Open from 10am-4pm seven days a week. Check out details here:

www.fleetstreetquarter.co.uk/news/urban-farmer-project

Following the contentious outcome of the Licensing hearing (when a terminal hour for trading until 1.30 am on some nights was granted), on Tuesday 29 October the Planning Applications Subcommittee considered an application for a change of use at 165 Fleet Street. Two residents of Bolt Court addressed the Committee to explain the impact that the proposals would have upon residents in the vicinity in the early hours of the morning.

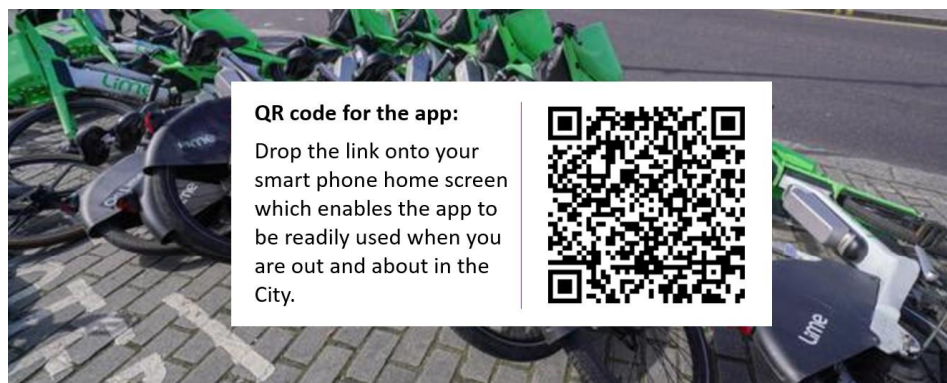
At the start of the debate, **Deputy Chairman of the Committee Graham Packham proposed a motion that the terminal hour for closure of the premises be brought back to 11.00 pm every day of the week to protect residential amenity.** This was seconded by ward member Mary Durcan and passed by the Committee, which subsequently voted to agree to support the amended application. **This is a positive outcome and should help ensure that residents nearby are able to sleep undisturbed between 11.00 pm and 07.00 am which is consistent with the City policy.**

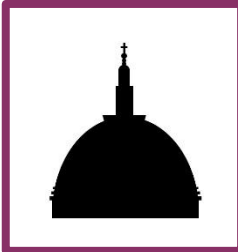


Dockless e-bikes | New app to report dumping

As reported in our June newsletter, the City has been working closely with TfL and the other London Boroughs to develop a pan London contract to manage dockless e-bikes in London, with the primary objective of improving parking compliance and safety for pedestrians (particularly for those who are mobility as well as visually impaired).

Ward members are aware that the problems with dumped e-bikes are now endemic and progress on the contract is disappointingly slow. In the meantime, the Chairs of Planning & Transportation and Streets & Walkways (Ward member Graham Packham) have asked City officers to develop a simple app to report dockless e-bike complaints to improve operator monitoring and escalation of problems which we are now pleased to announce is live.





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Fleet Street pedestrian crossing

Residents and City workers will have noticed that the pedestrian controlled traffic light crossing outside the Tipperary pub has been removed. This is a consequence of planning permission being given for 65 Fleet Street to be converted into student accommodation; **a pit lane for HGVs will be located at the front of the pub which means the existing crossing becomes impractical.** Fleet Street is controlled by TfL who removed the existing crossing unexpectedly rapidly following the planning permission, but this means that crossing Fleet St on foot is now hazardous and difficult. A replacement crossing is urgently needed, and the best location is slightly west of Bouverie Street. **In the meantime, ward members have urged City Highways officers to engage with TfL urgently to get a temporary pedestrian refuge installed to help pedestrians cross the street safely until a replacement can be installed.**



UPDATE | Cadent gas mains replacement phase 3

The phase 2 replacement works north of Farringdon Street are nearing completion, the final phase which returns to New Bridge Street is planned to resume with traffic island removal works. This will take place at the junction of New Bridge Street and Bridewell Place between Monday 2 to Sunday 15 December. Temporary traffic lights will be implemented at the junction.

A southbound closure of New Bridge St will be in force between Monday 6 January until Saturday 22 March 2025. Exit directly from Tudor Street to New Bridge Street **will be closed** for safety reasons. Traffic will be permitted to turn left from Bridewell Place (normally a right turn only) and the left turn from Watergate will remain open. **Vehicles going south will need to divert** via Ludgate Hill, St Paul's Churchyard, Cannon Street, Friday Street and Queen Victoria Street.

The essential work will inevitably cause traffic jams and disruption – on a more positive note, the duration of the works is now reduced by 6 weeks, because of the additional works undertaken on New Bridge Street.

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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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