



# Castle Baynard Newsletter

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## WANT TO HELP SHAPE THE CITY'S FUTURE? YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

### 120 Fleet Street

Following the completion of the demolition works carried out by Erith, the Daily Express building has now been fully secured. We've heard that the rumours that the site is up for sale are not true as the site is being actively marketed and once an anchor tenant has been found, construction can commence. **We understand the deep frustration amongst our constituents at the state of affairs and will keep you informed of the progress.**

### City Question Time!

Your chance to ask questions of the City's senior officers and councillors. Refreshments will be provided beforehand.

**Venue:** City of London School for Boys

**Date:** Tuesday 22 October

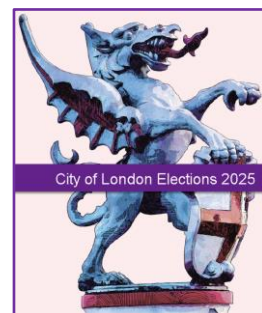
**Time:** 5.30 – 7.30 pm

Please register by using the QR code below or via email  
[residents@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:residents@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

The final CQT for 2024 will take place on Tuesday 4 December.



In March 2025, City voters will have the opportunity to elect 100 Common Councillors to represent their interests over the next four years. **The City elections are a way to ensure your voice is heard and that your priorities help shape the City's future.** Both residents and workers can vote reflecting the dual role of City London Corporation, both in looking after local services - and in supporting and promoting City businesses, here and across the world.



**You must be on the ward list to vote, which needs to be completed every year – you don't stay on it automatically – and voter registration is now open until Saturday 30 November. This can be done online.**

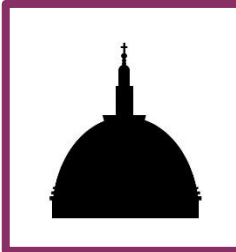
A second canvass mailing will go out to both businesses and residents later in September. You do not need to be a British citizen to vote but as the rules have recently changed for EU voters, you must check who's eligible under the new rules on the website. **This and detailed information, such as worker voter eligibility, etc can be found on the [www.speakforthecity.com](http://www.speakforthecity.com).**

### Adult Gaming Centre | 55 Fleet Street – new planning application

A planning application for an Adult Gaming Centre has been lodged for a property at 55 Fleet Street and is currently being reviewed by officers. **This type of operation enables access to very high stakes gambling machines which take advantage of vulnerable adults. Following contact made by ward councillor Henrika Priest, our local MP Rachel Blake has objected to this as not being in character with the local neighbourhood, nor in line with the priorities of the City Plan – something we agree on.** If approved, it will be the first one in the City of London. **If you wish to comment on this application, please search Planning Applications on the Corporation's home page, then use case number: 24/00635/FULL to get to the correct page to lodge your comments.**

### Tokyo Hit | Planning application hearing delayed

Due to further consultation being necessary, **the Tokyo Hit planning application hearing originally set for a September date is now taking place on Tuesday 29 October at 10.30 am.** Objectors will be contacted again in order to re-confirm any wish to speak at the Sub-committee hearing. The determination will be posted online on the Corporation's website as well as on our own site: <https://castle-baynard.org.uk/>.



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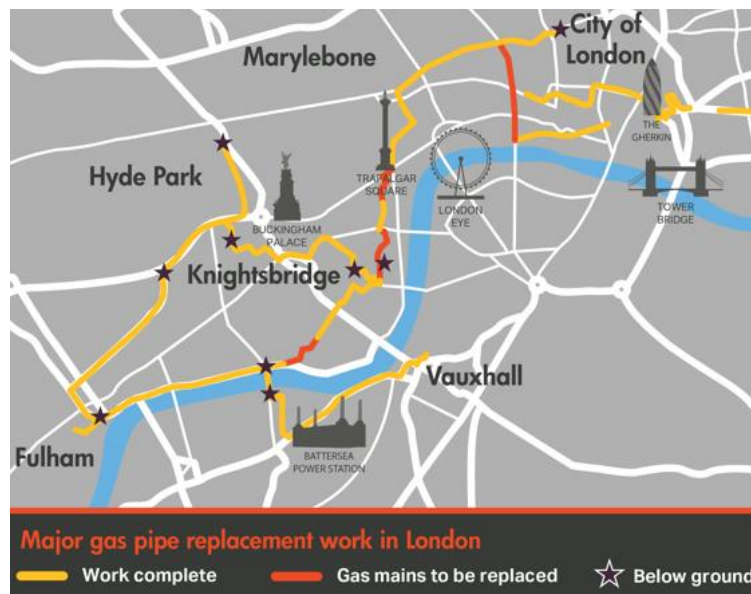
## City's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund to transform Fleet Street

A budget of £9m has been allocated from the City's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund for the "Transforming Fleet Street" project. Over the next five years, the area is expected to see a more than 25% increase in workers and pedestrians as a direct result of development activity. £9m of CIL funding will be allocated to a range of public realm improvements which are part of the Fleet Street Area Healthy Streets Plan, adopted in November last year and the Fleet Street Quarter's *Era of Change* Public Realm Strategy. These include safer pedestrian crossings, improved cycling experience, enhanced lighting, on-street loading facilities and amending the police checkpoints on Fleet Street. **External funding from Fleet Street Quarter Business Improvement District has been confirmed (£500k) and among the priority projects being taken forward by the BID are improvements to the network of historic alleyways to the north of Fleet Street.**

<https://www.fleetstreetquarter.co.uk/>.



## Update | Cadent gas works



The recent work by Cadent in Farringdon Street (Phase 1) is part of a large project to replace Victoria large diameter gas mains across central London which has been under way for several years. This has now moved north of Holborn Viaduct (Phase 2) which is unlikely to significantly affect City traffic.

**Once this work is complete the final and third phase will return to New Bridge Street early in 2025.** As a result of the unscheduled work in New Bridge Street recently during Phase 1, the duration is expected to be shortened from a period of 12 to 8 weeks but will probably involve a southbound closure which will inevitably be disruptive.

**We will keep you informed of the implications when the details are finalised.** The good news is that once this work is finished all City works on this project will be completed (see map).



Mary Durcan



John Griffiths



Michael Hudson



Catherine McGuinness



Graham Packham



Henrika Priest



Alpa Raja



Glen Witney

## Something to report?



**Rough sleeping:** [thestreetlink.org.uk](http://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](https://mycity.cityoflondon.gov.uk/service/Fault_reporting)

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