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## Candlewick News

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### Note from the Editor

When I was elected as one of your Common Councilmen in June last year, I promised to improve the communication between the City Corporation at Guildhall and you, the electors and workers of Candlewick Ward.

This newsletter reports on a number of issues which I think you will find interesting. Any feedback or ideas about what else might be interesting to you would be very welcome. My contact details are on the back of this newsletter.

Fiona, Kevin and I are always keen to meet, talk to or help any of our electors in any way we can so do please get in touch with us if you have an issue of concern or would just like to meet and get to know us.

### Redevelopment of Bank Station

Approvals have now been obtained to proceed and work commenced in April this year.

By 2021, the interlinked stations will feature several new escalators, a new station entrance and more room for Northern line passengers. More specifically:

- New southbound tunnel and platform for the Northern line
- New station entrance on Cannon Street (where McDonald's is now)
- Step-free access between the Northern line, DLR and the street
- A moving walkway for quicker and easier access
- More lifts and escalators to ease congestion and improve accessibility

Works started in spring this year. Most of the work will be below ground. There will be two main worksites from which to construct the scheme. The Cannon Street worksite will be in the block bounded by Cannon Street, Abchurch Lane, King William Street and Nicholas Lane. It will be used to build the new station entrance, lifts and escalators, and will later be redeveloped with new offices and retail units. The Arthur Street worksite will be used for the majority of the tunnelling works. This means Arthur Street will be closed to vehicles during the works. Access will be maintained for pedestrians and deliveries. TfL aims to keep disruption to a minimum during construction and manage environmental impacts with industry best practices.



### Bank Junction to be comprehensively redesigned

The City of London Corporation has announced plans to comprehensively redesign Bank

Junction. This is a major project which will take around five years to complete, so in order to see safety improved as soon as possible, the City has begun with an interim measure which will from November 2016 close the junction to motorised vehicles (except buses). Local access agreements will be in place to allow vehicles to serve buildings on the junction.

Once this interim measure is in place, the City will consult to determine the best long-term solution, with the aim of not only improving safety but also creating a better public space for all the City's users, resulting in the complete redesign of the junction.



Currently, around 18,000 pedestrians, 1,600 cyclists, 1,400 cars, and 220 buses use Bank Junction in the peak morning rush hour. Modelling data has shown that 30% of pedestrians do not use the prescribed crossings, and 70% do not cross at the green man. Moreover, if they were to wait for the green man, the crossings would not be able to cope with the weight of pedestrian traffic.

The short-term scheme will focus on the safety benefits, improvements in air quality and the City intends to provide improved drop-off and pick-up facilities exclusively for black cabs at the Bank junction.

These plans will impact all of us in Candlewick Ward perhaps both positively and negatively. Positively because it will make Bank junction safer and more enjoyable for pedestrians but negatively because it will increase traffic flow along Cannon Street and Gracechurch Street. We shall be making sure Candlewick is included in this consultation by hosting a meeting with Corporation Officers in the Ward in September. If you would like to attend then please do register your interest with me at [james.desausmarez@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:james.desausmarez@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

## High Speed Broadband

Openreach is in the process of rolling out 23 broadband cabinets across the Square Mile that will provide superfast broadband speeds of up to 80Mbps for 5000 premises by the end of 2017. Regarding Candlewick Ward, there are two broadband cabinets planned (Royal Exchange Buildings and St Swithin's Lane) which are in the process of being installed. The Royal Exchange Buildings cabinet is stood on the highway and needs a street works excavation to install fibre which should be complete before the end of the summer. The St Swithin's Lane cabinet location however needs to be reviewed by Openreach as they have made some errors with their modelling (the exercise which determines cabinet location to serve perceived customers), which means that its location may need to change. We have no timescale on this cabinet at present but Openreach is looking to resolve this matter very soon.

Therefore it is probably going to be another 2 months or so before the first cabinet serving Candlewick Ward is live. I am awaiting granular detail around coverage to satisfy myself that Candlewick is indeed covered.

## Mobile Phone Mast

A new mobile phone mast has been approved for the roof of 75 King William Street. This should generally improve mobile phone coverage in the Ward.

## Council Tax and the Business Premium Rate

In summary:

- For the sixth year running, Council Tax remains unchanged, which is good news for our 8 residents in the Ward; and
- The Business Rates Premium is being increased by 0.1p to 0.5p in the £ from April 2016 with the additional income, estimated at £1.6m a year, being allocated to the City Police. This is the first increase since 2006/07

These decisions were taken against a backdrop of reductions in central government support which broadly equates to 6% for our local authority services, other than Police, and 0.5% for Police, and further reviews of our services which have identified further efficiency savings and budget reductions totalling £20m. Separately the Police have saved some £16m from its new operating model. However, it remains critical that the City of

London Police are properly resourced to maintain the City Police Economic Crime Directorate and to implement a significant extension of the City Security Zone in these more uncertain and dangerous times.

### **Provision of Recreational and Cultural Amenities**

The City Corporation fully supports the provision of recreational and cultural activities and sees these as being of great benefit to the community, especially people working in a high pressure business environment. To this end, the City Corporation is the third biggest sponsor of the arts in the country, after the Government and the BBC. The London Design Festival (LDF) Core Strategy contains two specifically relevant strategic policies encouraging, where appropriate, the provision of a wide range of public and private recreational, art, heritage and cultural facilities.

The City Corporation aims to reconcile all these facets of life in the City to minimise the potentially damaging tensions that could arise between the business, residential and leisure communities.

### **Licensing**

In carrying out its licensing functions, the authority will promote the licensing objectives set out in the Act. These are:

- i) the prevention of crime and disorder
- ii) public safety
- iii) the prevention of public nuisance
- iv) the protection of children from harm

To achieve these objectives, the authority will use its full range of powers and engage all relevant responsibilities including its planning controls, transport controls, crime and disorder policies and powers. The authority will enter into appropriate partnership arrangements, working closely with the Police, Planning Department, the Fire Authority, local businesses, community representatives and local people in meeting these objectives.

### **Helping Rough Sleepers**

Much of the work of the Community and Children's Services Committee is focussed around our residential estates in Portsoken and Pound Lane, however I should like to mention one area of importance to me and I think Candlewick Ward and that is the management of rough sleepers, a subject which I am delighted

the Chancellor of the Exchequer is also addressing.

The City Corporation does not want rough sleepers and is active in seeking to help them. There is a City Outreach Team and a 24 hour number (0207 426 9610) at which they can be reached. If you see any rough sleepers please do report their location and someone will go to seek to help them.

### **St Swithin's Lane**

At the annual Wardmote concern was expressed that the bollards at the eastern end of St Swithin's Lane were permanently up and this deterred taxis and other vehicles visiting businesses in St Swithin's Lane from using it.

There is an intercom system to NM Rothschild Security but this is not readily apparent. Accordingly the Wardmote resolved "To ask the Planning and Transportation Committee to improve the arrangements for access to St Swithin's Lane such that the bollards controlled by N M Rothschild on behalf of the City of London Corporation are raised only in times of high alert and that when they are raised they are physically manned so that access is clearly available to those visiting other businesses in St Swithin's Lane."



James de Sausmarez had discussions with those responsible at the City Corporation which clarified

that the purpose of the bollards was for security and traffic management. City Corporation officers then met with the Global Head of Security and the Security Manager of N M Rothschild to discuss and reach an agreeable arrangement whereas the bollards can be left in the down position for ease of access to St Swithin's Lane. Following this meeting, N M Rothschild have verbally agreed to an initial trial period of 3 months where the bollards will remain in the down position during the City of London controlled hours of Monday to Friday 7am – 7pm, and at all other times up with access being requested via the intercom. Given that the current threat level is "Severe", N M Rothschild has reserved the right to raise the bollards as and when they see a need notably:

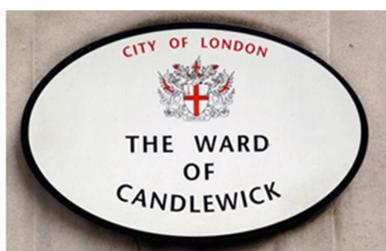
- If instructed by the emergency services;
- To ensure their serviceability;
- To ensure that their security officers did not lose the operating knowledge;
- When acting on local intelligence.

During the time of the bollards being in the down position N M Rothschild advised that they will not be recording vehicle registration details of those accessing the area.

### Delivery Vehicles in the Rush Hour

The other issue raised at the Wardmote related to the number of delivery lorries delivering during the rush hour which were in particular delaying buses from moving freely through the City. The response from the City Corporation is they have no plans to clamp down on peak period deliveries as they have no power to do so.

However, they acknowledged that deliveries contributed significantly to peak-period traffic congestion, and the air and noise pollution that that congestion results in, and therefore recognise that it would be desirable to reduce peak-period deliveries in the City. As a result, with the very largest recent redevelopments in the City, there will be clauses included in their planning obligations to restrict deliveries (and other servicing activity) during peak periods. It is likely that such controls will become more common in future.



### Contacting your Representatives

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