



Cornhill

The City of London fighting the impact of COVID

The Government acted quickly to introduce a number of helpful measures but a number of loopholes and gaps in support became quickly evident and 'left out' businesses needed urgent help.

Peter Dunphy, Councillor for Cornhill used the lockdown period to represent local residents and businesses particularly those 'left out' of government schemes. Every business should have received an email in March outlining ways in which the City can help. Several local businesses have been assisted with specific applications and queries.

7000 of these businesses in the City of London alone.

Licensed premises were closed down but under current legislation the local authority has been obliged to continue to charge fees and levies including the late night levy even where no activity was possible. Local authorities are often sympathetic but legislation allows for no

Independent healthcare businesses were left out of support. These businesses which include dentists, physiotherapists, podiatrists and osteopaths have endured enforced closure but government rules specifically exclude them from relief schemes. The City of London lobbied government on this issue and prioritised these for the very limited discretionary grants available.



We have lobbied for support for serviced office users without their own rateable value calculations. These businesses pay rates indirectly through their service charges yet were excluded from rate relief schemes. There are at least

flexibility to waive or rebate these charges. Peter has been campaigning for this flexibility. Licensed premises have now been offered automatic 'tables and chairs' licenses to allow for socially distanced outside dining and drinking.

Calling on the Government to
#RaiseTheBar

We supported the Raise the Bar Campaign seeking an increase in the rateable value threshold (from 50 to 150K) for businesses to apply for relief grants. The 50K limit has been particularly harsh on businesses in geographical areas where rateable values are higher. This initiative was backed by the GLA as well as the City of London.

Major City projects continue despite COVID-19

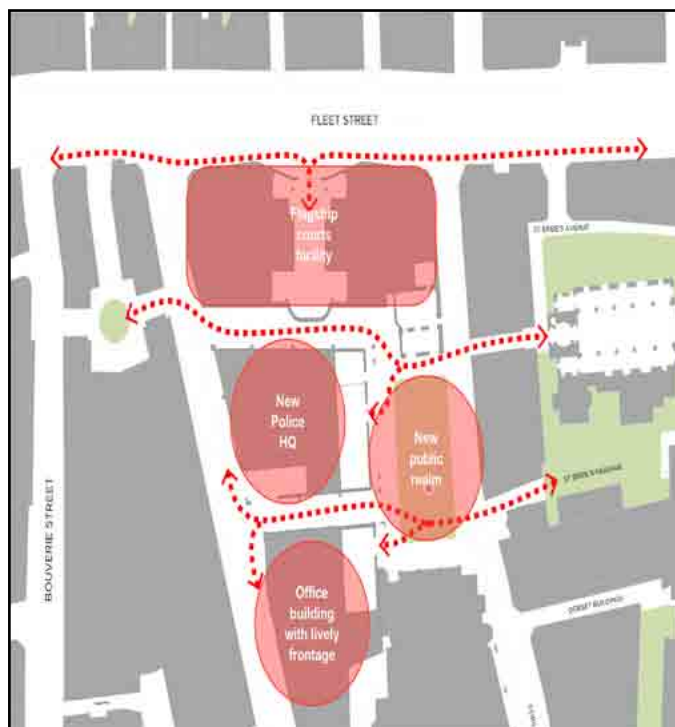
Over the summer the City of London Corporation launched an initial consultation on its plans for a new combined court and police complex on Fleet Street.

The proposals would see a flagship 18 courtroom facility for HM Courts and Tribunal Service and a new state-of-the-art headquarters for the City of London Police, along with a commercial development of offices and retail.

The new court facility, with its main entrance on Fleet Street, will create a high-quality civic frontage on this historic and important London thoroughfare. It will house significantly improved facilities for users and staff.

The City of London Police will be provided with a headquarters to support modern policing in its local and national remit and is being designed in close consultation with officers and staff.

A commercial building is planned for the rear of the site providing office accommodation and space for retail at ground floor level, creating a vibrant street scene on the route down towards the river.



Further consultation is expected to be carried out this autumn before a planning application is submitted in late 2020. You can keep up to date with the latest developments on the project website www.fleetstreetestate.co.uk

Also during the summer, the City Corporation asked for feedback on the initial concepts to re-imagine the Grade II* listed East and West Smithfield buildings and the Grade II Rotunda, should the meat market relocate. The east and west buildings are currently home to Smithfield meat market which the City Corporation has submitted an outline planning application to co-locate alongside Billingsgate and New Spitalfields markets to a new site in Dagenham Dock. Parliamentary approval is required to move the three markets and a further iteration of the Smithfield concept designs will support this process.

More information
www.wholesalemarkets.co.uk/smithfield

Register to vote in City elections

If you're a City worker, you may spend more time in the office than you do at home... so why not have the same say on services in the Square Mile as you have where you live?

Staff in City businesses and organisations can join residents and vote in the City of London Corporation's elections.

The City is unique in residents and workers being able to register to vote for local ward councillors.

This means they can have a voice on areas including air quality, cycling, personal security, green spaces, commuting and transport.

As far as possible, the appointed voters should reflect the diversity of the organisation's employees. This includes gender, ethnicity and seniority. The right to be appointed as a voter is open to staff at all levels – from chief executive to entry-level employees and even regular contractors –

so that the voters are truly representative of the whole City.

The City Corporation has sent registration forms to all eligible organisations. If you want to find out if your company has a named contact to help you register to vote, please get in touch on 0800 587 5537 or electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workervote



Have your say on City landmarks



People are being asked to give their views on statues, street and building names and other landmarks in the City of London with historic links to slavery and racism in all its forms.

The City of London Corporation has launched a three-month consultative exercise asking people which landmarks they think are a problem and what action they would like to see taken.

The survey is being promoted by the City Corporation's Tackling Racism Taskforce, set up in June with the aim of considering what action the organisation can take to tackle racism in all its forms.

It comes as organisations across London and the UK review the cultural legacy of slavery and colonialism in the light of the Black Lives Matter movement.

People can take part in the consultative exercise, which runs until Tuesday, 24 November, online at cityoflondon.gov.uk/historiclandmarksconsultation or by writing to: Tackling Racism Taskforce, City of London Corporation, Guildhall, PO Box 270, London EC2P 2EJ

New mental health centre opens

A new counselling and psychotherapy centre for workers and residents in the City of London and neighbouring boroughs is due to open in October,



Supported by the City of London Corporation, the City Wellbeing Centre will provide access to both longer and shorter-term talking therapies not easily available through the NHS in recent years. The charity, Tavistock Relationships, has been commissioned to provide a range of services from the centre.

As a non-profit making organization, Tavistock Relationship will look to make its services accessible to all, by providing therapy on the basis of what individuals and couples can afford and, in this way, it will play an important part in tackling health inequalities within the City.

Located at 75-77 Middlesex Street E1 7DA, the Centre will provide a range of counselling and psychotherapy services to individuals, couples and groups with mental health concerns and relationship difficulties.

www.citywellbeingcentre.org

Call for firms to enter environmental awards

City firms cutting back on single-use plastics and committing to improve London's air quality are being urged to enter London's top environmental gongs.

The City Corporation, which runs the Clean City Awards, wants to hear from firms of all sizes and sectors across the Square Mile.

The scheme, now in its 26th year, rewards businesses leading the way in improving environmental performance – be it by reducing their plastic use, taking action to cut their carbon emissions or just going that extra mile to be more environmentally friendly.

There are four award categories:

- Resource and Circular Economy
- Plastic Free City
- Air Quality and Climate Action
- Communication and Engagement

There is also a chance to apply for and win the Chairman's Cup, which looks at organisation's environmental and sustainability performance, and behaviour change during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Applications are open until 16 October 2020. To sign up, apply and find out more information please visit www.ccaslondon.co.uk



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www.cityoflondon.police.uk	020 7601 2222	www.gresham.ac.uk	020 7831 0575
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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

Temporary Changes to City Streets



- Key**
- No motor vehicles, Mon - Fri, 7am - 7pm
 - No motor vehicles, Mon - Fri, 7am - 7pm, except access to off-street premises
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 - No motor vehicles, Mon - Fri, 7am - 7pm, except access to off-street premises, taxis & buses (where applicable)
 - T11 Street, taxis & buses (where applicable)
 - One way street with contra-flow cycle lane
 - Existing one way street
 - No motor vehicles, except buses (where applicable)
 - No motor vehicles southbound, Mon - Fri, 7am - 7pm, except buses
 - No motor vehicles northbound, Mon - Fri, 7am - 7pm, except buses
 - No motor vehicles southbound, except buses
 - Provision for Loading

The delivery of our transport recovery plan is underway, designed to ensure the gradual and safe return of people who live, work and visit the Square Mile by walking, cycling or through the managed use of public transport.

The changes are primarily based on providing the space needed to comfortably and safely maintain social distancing on City streets. A number of streets in and around Cornhill have been affected including Threadneedle Street, Cornhill, Old Broad Street and London Wall

A link on the City website allows you to view the changes in full and have your say: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/streets/covid-19-city-streets>

Twitter Feed for Cornhill Ward

Joining our website at www.cornhillward.org.uk on social media is a growing Twitter account @cornhillward which aims to keep workers, residents and visitors updated with news from the City of London including relating to our support for financial and professional services as well as updates on planning and transportation issues and news from local businesses including our great restaurants, bars and shops.



@cornhillward