



Bassishaw

St Alphage Highwalk and Bassishaw Highwalk

We hope all residents and workers in the Ward have had the chance to use and enjoy the re-opened St Alphage Highwalk and Bassishaw Highwalk as part of the London Wall Place redevelopment.

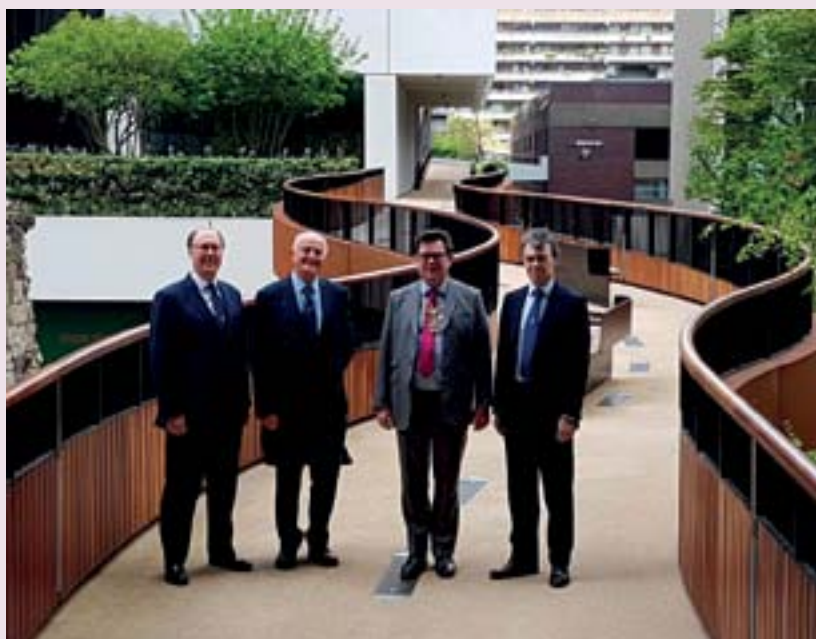


Ward Mote 2018

We wanted to provide feedback on this year's Bassishaw Ward Mote which took place on 3rd April.

Alderman and Sheriff Tim Hailes commented upon his recent travel to China with the Lord Mayor to promote UK business, as well as his question at Common Council regarding access for black taxis to Bank junction so as to relieve the traffic issues given unforeseen road closures nearby.

Councilman Robert Merrett updated voters on the proposals for a new London Wholesale Market, which would seek to combine the existing Billingsgate, New Spitalfields and Smithfield markets



at a new purpose built site, subject to discussions and agreement with traders and many others over the next few months. **Councilman Graeme Harrower**

Harrower commented on the work he had undertaken in resolving issues which constituents had raised with him about streets and walkways, and his work as the Ward representative on the Planning and Transportation Committee.

Several issues were also raised by Voters, the

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Aldgate Square is open for business (and pleasure)



By the time this ward newsletter is distributed, the new-look Aldgate Square will be open to the public, ahead of its formal public opening on 4 July.

This project has taken several years and involved major changes to the highway layout and public realm improvements. The main aim was regeneration of the

area for the benefit of business and the local community. And the area has had more greenery introduced alongside a new public space and improved lighting – making the area more inviting – a place for people to linger, socialise and enjoy. Safety for road users has been enhanced including new cycle routes and pedestrian access.

A significant new addition is the Portsoken Pavilion, a steel and glass building housing a social enterprise café operated by Kahaila and providing a new hub promoting events, leisure and play.

While Aldgate Square is the centerpiece of this transformational scheme (sitting between Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School and St Botolph without Aldgate Church), it has been joined by an

eastern public space at the junction of Middlesex Street and St Botolph Street.

Changes to the traffic layout were completed early in the project timeline. The finished area provides new pedestrian crossing points and allows easier navigation of bus services.

The project has introduced two-way traffic on Aldgate High Street, St Botolph Street, a section of Middlesex Street and Minories. It has already had a significant impact by helping to bring air pollution at the nearby Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School below the legal annual limit for the first time since monitoring began in 2003.
cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatearea

Stop press: An Aldgate Square Festival will be held on 15-17 June celebrating all the area has to offer including music, activities, talks, performances and a children's area.

It's free to enter and open to all.
cityoflondon.gov.uk/aldgatesquarefestival



City small businesses: do you qualify for rate relief?

The City Corporation is encouraging small businesses to check if they are missing out on business rate tax relief.

If you're a City business whose sole or main property has a rateable value of £12,000-£15,000 you could be eligible to get a reduction in your business rates of up to 100%. Properties with a rateable value of £12,000 or less get a 100% reduction in their rates bill.

If you meet the eligibility criteria and aren't currently in receipt of rate relief, please contact the City Corporation business rates section.

Find out if your business qualifies and apply via:
cityoflondon.gov.uk/raterelief



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Data Protection legislation in the UK has changed, with the introduction of the GDPR on 25 May 2018 and a new Data Protection Act. This new legislation is designed to enhance the rights of individuals regarding the use of their personal data by bringing data protection compliance into the modern digital age.

It also introduces new, rigorous, requirements for all organisations, in relation to the reasons for processing personal data, and the manner in which it is processed.

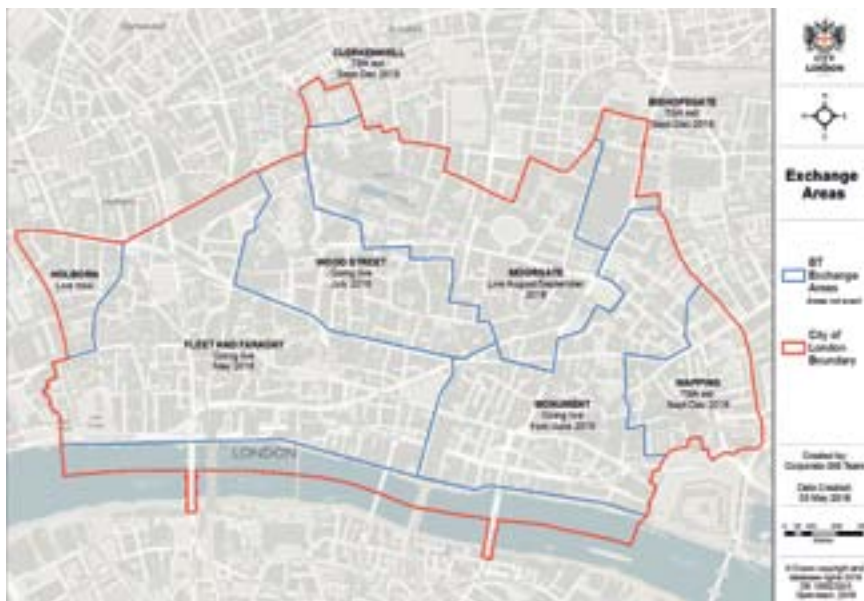
The City Corporation has been busy over the last few months, reviewing and updating its data protection policies and procedures, and taking all necessary steps to ensure it fully complies with the new legal requirements for processing the personal data of its customers, clients and staff (data subjects).

Updated information, including our new data protection policy and full privacy notice, is available at:

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/dataprotection
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/privacy
or by emailing information.officer@cityoflondon.gov.uk



High fibre for the City



Until recently broadband speeds in the City have been amongst the slowest in the UK, affecting small business tenants who cannot afford dedicated fibre optic leased lines.

However Openreach is now seeking to roll out "Fibre To The Premises" to every building in the Square Mile **at no cost to the landlord**, offering faster speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second at affordable prices for businesses and residents.

Openreach will use existing ducting to access buildings, avoiding street works to install the new fibre infrastructure into basements. This work will require landlord consent in the form of wayleave and Openreach will need to undertake a quick building survey.

Openreach will undertake a phased roll out across the City shown on the map.

Residents and business tenants interested should visit
cityoflondon.gov.uk/fibrebroadband
or contact cpat@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Car park spaces at Smithfield Rotunda

Did you know? You can hire car parking spaces during weekdays and weekends at a reasonable cost.

Smithfield Rotunda, located in West Smithfield is manned 24 hours per day, with good lighting and within easy walking distance for most of the recipients of this newsletter.

For more information on hiring and pricing details, please contact the Smithfield.Market@cityoflondon.gov.uk





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Court of Common Council
Finance Committee
Markets Committee
Information Technology Sub (Finance) Committee
Committee of the Corporation Benevolent Association
Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls
Economic Crime Board of the Police Committee



Graeme Harrower

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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.

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answers and follow up comments to some of these being as follows:

(1) Can the works in St Alphage's Gardens be speeded up given the long running construction works that have surrounded Roman House?

The City Corporation Officers have responded: "It is our aim to accelerate the works to be completed by the end of the year but this is largely dependent on excavation within the historical area, as this is a slow process due to monitoring by MOLAS for any historical artefacts or human remains. In addition to the above restraints, there are a number of significant structural elements which include the removal and replacement of the existing wall and staircase, infilling of underground vaults (which requires temporary works) and installation of new terraced

seating, whilst also maintaining access needs to 2 LWP therefore resulting in the works being undertaken in phases. As a result of the above, we expect to complete the works by the end of February 2019, but this is subject to weather conditions, archaeological finds and other constraints. Given the level of disruption local residents and businesses have already faced we are currently discussing with the Environmental Health Service whether the normal restrictions on noisy working could be relaxed and if they can we should be able to bring the completion date forward."

(2) What action can be taken in respect of rough sleepers in the Ward? The City of London has a long standing commitment to address rough sleeping

and homelessness in the City and to support those it affects throughout the year. This includes a dedicated outreach team. If you are concerned about a rough sleeper, you can make a referral to StreetLink, via the app or by calling 0300 500 0914, or you can contact the Rough Sleeper Projects Officer on 020 7332 3791. Further information about the help available can be found on the City of London website.

Ward Club Events

There will be a guided walk of the Ward, followed by drinks, on a weekday evening in September. Please contact Graeme Harrower if you would like to attend.