



# Farringdon Within

## Cyclist & Pedestrian Safety



There are a number of locations in and around our ward, where pavements are shared by pedestrians with cyclists – it's another way to make cycling through the City safer, quicker and often more pleasant. Most of these operate reasonably well, with a good dose of common sense, observation and awareness from both cyclists and pedestrians. Occasionally however, there are certain road layouts and changes that can increase the risk to all users of our pavements.

Following the introduction and ever increasing use of Cycle Superhighway 6 running north into the ward up from Blackfriars' Bridge and across Ludgate into Farringdon Street, there are more and more cyclists using St.Bride's Street to connect to and from Holborn Circus.

Unfortunately, the current configuration of the pedestrianised section of St.Bride's that connects to Farringdon Street means that cyclists are coming into conflict with pedestrians, especially as they enter No.10 St. Bride's Street, or walk along Farringdon Street. The slight hill can add some speed to cyclists coming down from and Holborn, and the lack of clear and effective pavement markings, designating the cycle lane, make this increasingly risky for all users.

Following an approach from a number of constituents, a meeting was arranged between officers in the Department of the Built Environment and some of your members, including Alderman Vincent Keaveny. Following this meeting, discussions are now underway on how this area can be re-configured and improved for all concerned. The plans shared still need some work and we will continue to engage with officers to reduce the current risk.

Do you know of any similar street or walkway, where there is perhaps an accident 'waiting to happen' between cyclists and pedestrians? Please get in touch through our website.

**Graeme Smith**



## City of London Transport Strategy

The City Corporation is developing (for the first time) a long-term Transport Strategy for the City of London, to be published in Spring 2019. There are continuing opportunities for residents, workers and businesses to engage with the development of the Strategy and your common councilmen would very much like to hear your views.

The strategy will focus on reducing traffic and encouraging walking and cycling, by reallocating highway space for public use, widening pavements and creating new squares. Sharing access to cars and bikes, moving away from diesel and petrol to improve air quality reducing traffic noise and encouraging greater use of the river for freight and people will be part of the strategy.

In the past, funding for schemes to improve road transport and public space in the City has been ad hoc. We want to use the Transport Strategy to create a budget for long term improvements to the street scape which will transform the City into a cleaner, safer and more pleasant space in which to live and work.

*Christopher Hill*

## Barts Square Update

*A lot of effort has been focused on the public realm works relating to the Barts Square Development.*

Successful outcomes have included:

- having the bicycle racks, in Bartholomew Close, repositioned, so as to facilitate easy use of wheelchairs and pushchairs on the pavement
- having yellow lines reinstated to stop the area becoming a giant free car park

*Ann Holmes*

## City Giving Day – Tuesday 25th September 2018



Every year, businesses across the City, come together to celebrate and highlight their charitable and voluntary work with workers, partners and the public.

Many businesses and organisations of various sizes based in Farringdon Within

are already signed-up, but we'd like to see even more involved. Now's the time to start thinking about how you and your colleagues could get involved. CGD is a fun and flexible way to spark new efforts and ideas, and to give more focus to existing fund raising.

You can find out more just search online for 'City Giving Day' or select 'A Fair City' on [TheLordMayorsAppeal.org](http://TheLordMayorsAppeal.org).

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

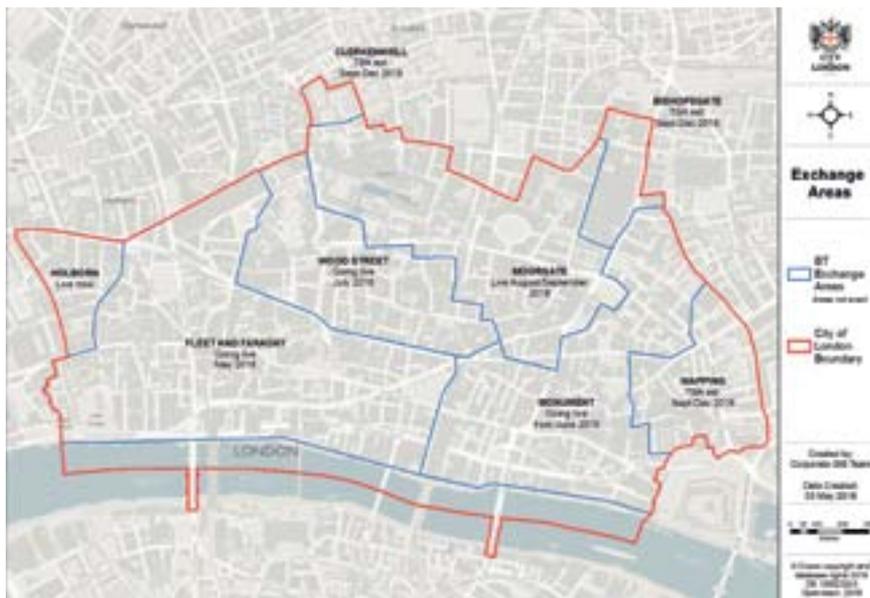
The City Corporation has been busy over the last few months, reviewing and updating its data protection policies and procedures, and taking all necessary steps to ensure it fully complies with the new legal requirements for processing the personal data of its customers, clients and staff (data subjects).

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

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/dataprotection](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/dataprotection)  
[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/privacy)  
or by emailing [information.officer@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/fibrebroadband)  
or contact [cpat@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:Smithfield.Market@cityoflondon.gov.uk)





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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

### Centenary of the Royal Air Force



The City of London has many responsibilities on behalf of its residents, businesses and those who live and work in this great city of ours. One of the great honours of your elected council members is to host the celebration of national events such as the centenary

of our Royal Air Force. Some several hundred serving and retired RAF Personnel were invited to Guildhall where the Lord Mayor and Members of Common Council hosted a reception to celebrate the centenary of the RAF and to thank all those who had served and who had given their lives in defence of our country.

It was a fitting tribute and many of you may have seen the examples of the Spitfire, Hurricane, Tornado etc that the RAF brought for the public to see in the Courtyard of Guild Hall.

It was a great pleasure to see hundreds of school children visit and see up close these magnificent aircrafts the next day. Schools from across the City were invited and the feedback received was that the school children were extremely impressed.

**Richard Reagan**

### Living Wage

It was disappointing to discover that the City Corporation has not been paying the Living Wage to all of its workers. The City Corporation's current Living Wage accreditation only gives limited protection to short term contractors, who are ever becoming the norm in today's 'gig economy'. Currently several hundred individuals are at risk of earning less than the Living Wage, including security professionals, hospitality staff and adult social care workers. Even more concerning is that workers who are currently paid the Living Wage do not see their wages go up with Living Wage increases- sometimes waiting as long as six months for the proper pay rise.

The Living Wage is independently calculated annually, based on the real cost of living. In London it is currently set at £10.20 an hour, or around £18,500 a year. Rising private rents and transport costs have meant that individuals earning less than this are far more likely to be using foodbanks to feed their families and have much higher occurrences of stress related mental health issues.

Fortunately there is a recognition that we should be doing better. I am currently working with other ward members, the City Corporation's Commercial Director, the Town Clerk and the Living Wage Foundation to put together an alternative contracting and pay policy. This will focus on greater protections to ensure all contractors are properly paid and changes that guarantee that all workers immediately benefit from Living Wage increases. If this is a success I hope the City Corporation can become a role model for other local authorities. Such a change would also be another great example of the positive change the Farringdon Within team can achieve.

**Tom Anderson**