



Castle Baynard



Fleet St Healthy Streets Consultation



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The City of London Transport Strategy identifies a series of areas for Healthy Streets Plans. Healthy Streets Plans are an approach to improving people's health and their experience of using streets at the heart of transport decision making. This approach captures the elements that are essential for making streets attractive and accessible places to walk, cycle and spend time, and for supporting social and economic activity in a comfortable, safe and pleasant environment. Using this approach, the proposed Fleet Street Healthy Streets plan will also contribute to, and help facilitate, the wider reinvigoration of the area and support the accomplishment of the objectives of the Fleet St Quarter (FSQ) BID.

In December 2020, City elected members approved the establishment of the Fleet St Healthy Streets area. This area covers a large part of Castle Baynard and parts of Farringdon Without and Within wards, it comprises five neighbourhoods: Chancery Lane, Fleet St & Lanes, Old Bailey, Whitefriars and Ludgate.

In November the City Streets & Walkways Committee Chaired by Ward member Graham Packham approved the draft Vision, setting the principles of the Fleet Street Healthy Streets Plan and authorised

officers to launch a 6-week formal consultation on the draft Vision which will commence in February 2022.



The area covered by this project (see map) overlaps considerably with the FSQ BID and the Committee will ensure City officers liaise and collaborate closely with the FSQ BID team to optimise the effectiveness of the BID's projects and the City's in the common areas, and we hope that some of these will be run as joint projects which will increase the individual funding pots and the beneficial impacts.

This exciting City programme alongside the FSQ BID provides a long overdue opportunity to significantly improve the local public realm and help invigorate our area of the City which at present is largely devoid of green spaces and lags behind most of the Square Mile in this respect.

YHA Building Refurbishment



Ward members are pleased to report that the YHA building in Carter Lane is now being used again by the Association after it was temporarily used to house rough sleepers during the pandemic. A City project is underway to provide a permanent small refuge in the Square Mile for rough sleepers, and ward member Henrika Priest (Deputy Chair of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Committee) will report back on this when the details are finalised.

The outside of this unusual and beautiful building is also undergoing a much-needed refurbishment which is nearing completion (see picture). The building has an interesting history originally being constructed as the school for the St Paul's choristers in 1874. In 1967 the school moved to a new building at New Change to the east of the cathedral. The move was prompted by a plan to demolish the old building to enable a road widening scheme which fortunately never went ahead.

The old building was constructed using white brick and terracotta with sgraffito decoration, made by scratching through a surface to reveal a lower layer of contrasting colour, and this is being restored as part of the external refurbishment. The facade also employs Renaissance elements including Venetian and round windows and round leaded doorways and niches. A slightly later red brick portion to the west was the former entrance to the Deanery stables. Interestingly the choir boys had the benefit of a dual use hockey and cricket pitch on the building's roof!

Construction begins on justice and policing hub

The City of London Corporation, the Ministry of Justice and the City of London Police have celebrated the start of construction on a 45,785 sqm civic scheme to boost the justice system's work to crack down on fraud.

Funded and delivered by the City Corporation, the Salisbury Square Development on Fleet Street will house the City of London Law Courts and a state-of-the-art headquarters for the City of London Police and is due to be completed in 2026.

With 18 courtrooms, the City of London Law Courts will combine magistrates, civil and crown courts in one flagship facility. The courts will harness new technology and modern ways of working to try economic crime cases.

As the lead force investigating cyber and economic crime nationally, the new headquarters will equip the City of London Police with the tools needed to face the challenges of 21st century policing.

Home to 2,500 jobs – 400 of which will be newly created – the scheme will generate an estimated £51m in productivity benefits (Gross Value Added) per year.



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Green light for refurbishment plan

The City Corporation has resolved to approve the refurbishment and extension of Cripplegate House, which will create 15,471 square metres of high-quality, Grade A flexible office floorspace together with a new community and cultural space.

The refurbished and extended building at 1 Golden Lane – proposed by Castleforge – will add an extra 2,485 square metres of space to the existing site to meet continuing strong demand from occupiers in the Square Mile.

The scheme will form part of Culture Mile, with the community

and cultural space at ground level set to be combined with new public artwork and murals around the site. This will be accompanied with other public realm and lighting enhancements around the site.

It will be designed to high sustainability standards, incorporating a significant element of integrated urban greening, climate resilience and energy efficiency. The scheme targets BREEAM 'Outstanding' and adopts Circular Economy principles. A total of 222 long stay and 14 new short-stay cycle parking spaces will be provided to encourage active travel.



On the ball

Portraits of the Euro 2020 England men's football squad and its manager, Gareth Southgate, are being shown at the City Corporation's Guildhall Art Gallery.

From Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham to Bukayo Saka and Raheem Sterling, the free exhibition, 'This is England', features

the most successful men's national team since the winners of the World Cup in 1966, after reaching the final of Euro 2020.

Artist Matt Small's paintings, which are on loan from Moniker Foundation and managed by JG Contemporary, will be on display in the Temple Room at the gallery.

The artworks celebrate the diversity of what it means to be English today and recognises the players' superb teamwork and admirable stance on equality, inclusivity, and racial injustice.

Don't lose your vote



City of London elections are your way to help shape the future of the Square Mile. Unlike elsewhere, both workers and residents can vote and you must re-confirm your registration each year. If you are a City worker, you can request a vote at your organisation at www.speakforthecity.com

Voter registration forms must be received by 16th December. If you would like to receive this by email or have any questions, please contact electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

While the next election for all Common

Councillors will not be held until 2025, elections for Aldermen and by-elections may be held at any time. If you are passionate about the City and are interested in standing for election in the future, please find out more at www.speakforthecity.com/stand

Statement of community involvement

The City Corporation is to ask people for their views on a new Statement of Community Involvement setting out how engagement and consultation will take place with the Square Mile's communities on planning applications and planning policy matters.

The revised Statement of Community Involvement replaces one previously agreed in July 2016. It incorporates consultation and engagement lessons learned during the pandemic, when new and innovative ways to communicate with stakeholders were introduced effectively.

This includes making provision for online and hybrid meetings and consultation events, the use of new presentational techniques such as 3D modelling and the use of QR codes.

These will be utilised alongside more traditional methods to increase engagement in planning matters.

The City Corporation continues to encourage developers to consult with local communities ahead of taking their proposals forward by submitting a formal planning application. To ensure this is done well, draft guidance for developers on the City Corporation's expectations has also been prepared for consultation.

Both the Statement of Community Involvement and the developer engagement guidance will be issued for public consultation then brought back to the Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration and formal approval.



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Foundation Stone Unveiled at Salisbury Court

Castle Baynard was well represented on October 18 when the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, unveiled the Foundation Stones for the new City Police HQ and the new Combined Courts Building on Fleet Street. Alderman Ian Luder, who has been on the committee responsible for the development, since its inception five years ago, together with other members of the ward team, heard the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Mayor (pictured), stress the importance of the new Courts to the administration of justice throughout the UK, and for the adjudication of global trading disputes. Lady Lucy French, the CEO of the Fleet Street quarter BID, attended as a guest of Alderman Luder.

The landmark Court building, designed on a low carbon basis, and with an intended lifespan of 125 years, will be accompanied by a new HQ for the City of London Police, and a commercial office development at the rear with a roof level terrace with far reaching views along the Thames. Salisbury square will be enlarged, and the listed building on Dorset Rise which is being retained, will become a high class licensed premises and restaurant. A new walkway through the development will open a new vista from the west, of St Bride's Church.

The new Court Building which will help combat Fraud and



Economic crime is in close proximity to the Royal Courts of Justice and the Old Bailey and will help cement the Square Mile as a strategic centre for UK justice, with significant benefits to London and the UK.

Together with the refurbishment and redevelopment of the former Daily Express and Daily Telegraph Buildings, the Courts and Police HQ will transform the Ludgate Circus end of Fleet street.