



# Walbrook

## Changes around Bank

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**We continue to see significant improvements to Walbrook Ward around greater pedestrianisation, improved air quality and improved access to Bank Underground Station. The latter will mean a temporary closure of the Northern Line at Bank for around 4 months starting in January.**

### All Change at Bank – Bank Junction surface improvements

Over the spring of 2021, changes to the area around Bank junction were consulted on as part of the All Change at Bank project. The proposed changes are to:

- widen the pavements;
- shorten crossing distances;
- widen crossing waiting areas; and
- improve the comfort of people walking.

The aim is to simplify the junction to further improve its safety, provide improved comfort for those people walking, and improve the air quality.

To achieve this it is proposed to remove motor vehicles from sections of Threadneedle Street and Queen Victoria Street, making them areas where only people walking and cycling can travel. It is also proposed that Princes Street is narrowed to one lane at its southern end, allowing more circulating space for people using the underground entrances/exits. Two way traffic for buses and cycles will be maintained using traffic lights.

It is not proposed at this time to change the motor restrictions on the remaining arms of Poultry, Cornhill and King William Street (they would not be significantly altered in their operation compared to today).

One of the themes of the consultation response was around access for vehicles through the junction. In particular this related to access for taxis and with regards to disabled people and those less mobile having improved access.

However, changing the mix of traffic and possibly extending the operational times of the Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm restriction to 24/7 is being considered but due to the pandemic the conclusion to this work has been delayed. It has been agreed that this review will be undertaken 12 months from completion of the current scheme proposals (if approved to proceed) to give time for further information to be collated during the recovery of the pandemic. Access for taxis remains restricted and there are significant concerns from some businesses and the taxi trade around this. Further consultation on any proposed changes will be undertaken in due course.

**The current consultation findings report and information about the project can be found on the website – [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/allchangeatbank](https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/allchangeatbank).**

## Pedestrian Priority Streets

In addition to the changes proposed at Bank, another programme of Transport projects was recently agreed at Streets and Walkways committee. The Pedestrian Priority Streets programme is a three year programme to enhance the safety and comfort of people walking. The first phase of this work looks at some of the temporary measures introduced over the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic and moving some of these into an experimental traffic order. This will allow the intervention to be tested in a post pandemic environment and for people to be able to comment on whether they feel these schemes should be made permanent.

The temporary scheme on Lothbury and Bartholomew lane around the Bank of England will be removed. Old Jewry, Threadneedle Street and Old Broad Street will retain the measures (modified in places) and start an experimental phase seeking people's comments on the schemes.

Further information on this can be found at <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/streets/pedestrian-priority-programme>



# COVID-19 Booster and Flu Vaccines



The number of cases of COVID-19 in London is rising. But the COVID-19 booster programme can make a real difference. Boosters are available to those 50 years old or older, people who work in health or social care or younger people who have a long-term health condition. The jab boosts waning immunity for those most at risk over the winter period. More than eight million people in the UK have already received their COVID-19 booster vaccine. People will be invited by the NHS when it's their turn. If you have not been contacted within a week of reaching six months since your second vaccine you can call 119 or book online or visit various walk-in sites across London.

Flu is another virus that can be serious. To give people the best

protection over winter, those over 50 years old, and people who have a long-term health condition or are pregnant are eligible for a free flu vaccine and should book an appointment at either their GP practice or their local pharmacy.

The offer of a first and second COVID-19 vaccine remains open to anyone who is eligible, including children aged 12 to 15 years old.

Some of the new variants of concern spread more quickly. This means it is even more important to get both doses of the vaccine or just one dose for those aged between 12 and 17 years old.

[www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations)

## Free cycle services on offer



The City of London Corporation is calling on residents and workers to take advantage of free cycle services as the Square Mile's buzz returns.

Throughout the pandemic, many people across England took to two wheels as the benefits of fresh air and sustainable travel became even more evident during the months of lockdown.

TfL revealed that cycling levels during the coronavirus pandemic were boosted from 21 per cent of Londoners in 2019/20 to 27 per cent in 2020/21.

Those who live, work or study in the City of London are eligible to receive free cycle training from expert instructors who will tailor the session to the rider's ability – from first-time riders to regular cyclists looking to improve confidence.

Since August last year, a total of 218 adult cycle skills sessions have been undertaken by Pedal Me and Cycle Confident in the City of London. In addition, two Square Mile schools have benefited from school cycle training sessions.

**More on the Cycle Confident free training:** [cycleconfident.com/sponsors/city-of-london/](http://cycleconfident.com/sponsors/city-of-london/); **the Pedal Me business cargo bike rider training:** [pedalme.co.uk/training/](http://pedalme.co.uk/training/)

# Meet your candidates

By the time you receive this newsletter the deadline for registering to vote in next year's City elections will almost be due – 16 December.

If you are registered you will be able to vote for the City's Common Councillors in March 2022. These elections are held by 'first past the post' and you will have the same number of votes as councillors you are electing, eg three votes in a three-member ward. If there is a vacancy for an Alderman in your ward next year, you will also have one vote in that election.

You will also be invited to attend your ward's Wardmote, a meeting similar to a hustings, the day before the election, 23 March 2022. This will give you the opportunity to meet your candidates and ask them questions. You will be able to vote in your allocated polling station on polling day, 24 March 2022. As with any other election, you can request a postal vote without needing a reason. If you think you might be away from the City or busy on Election Day, you might want to arrange a postal vote that goes to your home or work address. Postal votes are usually dispatched 10 working days before polling day.

Updated information on the wardmotes, their timing and location will appear on the website.

Invitations to the meetings will also be sent to all electors.

**If you have any queries regarding the meeting in your Ward please contact the Electoral Services Office on 0800 587 5537, [electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk) or [speakforthecity.com](http://speakforthecity.com)**



## WORK OR LIVE IN THE CITY?

## REGISTER TO VOTE BY 16TH DECEMBER

[www.speakforthecity.com](http://www.speakforthecity.com)

 **SPEAK FOR THE CITY**



The City of London Corporation has mounted a new campaign to support retail, leisure and hospitality businesses as well as cultural attractions by encouraging people back into the Square Mile for work and play.

The "Square Smile" campaign is designed to raise awareness of the benefits of returning to the City and face-to-face interaction as firms increasingly give their staff more flexibility on where they locate through hybrid working. It showcases the City's vibrant offer – ranging from world-class culture, heritage, cuisine, entertainment, retail, architecture and much more.

The campaign – which runs until the beginning of 2022 – targets hybrid workers as well as those who have fully returned to their workplace. The campaign seeks to remind them of all the things they missed during the pandemic, including socialising and enjoying the City's culture and entertainment. Whether it be collaborating with teammates, going for a spontaneous lunch or having the opportunity to go for after work drinks, the City can help to bring people together.

[cityoflondon.gov.uk/squaresmile](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/squaresmile)

## ASK FOR ANGELA

**By telling customers that they can 'Ask for Angela' we're giving them a discreet code word that they can give to staff if they feel unsafe or threatened.**

The City of London Police, City of London Corporation and Metropolitan Police Service are working in partnership with Safer Sounds, who are part of the Safer Business Network, and licensed venues to help keep people safe while in the City of London.

The 'Ask for Angela' initiative is being rolled out to bars, clubs and other licensed businesses across the whole of London, including in the City of London. The scheme aims to reduce sexual violence and vulnerability by providing customers with a phrase they can use to get the attention of staff if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable. Staff can help by reuniting them with a friend, seeing them to a taxi, or by calling venue security and/or the police.

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Many of the City's bars, clubs and other licensed businesses are getting busier and will continue to do so in the lead up to Christmas. For many people, this could be the first time they have been to a licensed premises during the festive period in two years, due to the pandemic.



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## Who We Are



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Court of Common Council  
Policy and Resources Committee  
Police Authority Board (Chair)  
Resource, Risk & Estates (Police) Committee (Deputy Chair)  
Strategic Planning & Performance (Police) Committee  
Economic and Cyber Crime Board of the Police Committee (Chair)  
Professional Standards and Integrity Sub (Police) Committee  
Board of Governors of the City of London School  
Finance Committee  
Capital Buildings Committee

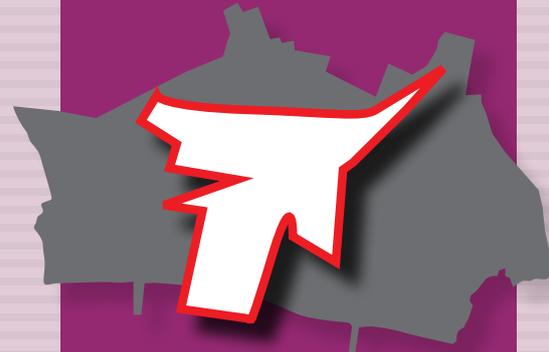


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Court of Common Council  
Planning and Transportation Committee  
Port Health & Environmental Services Committee  
Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee  
Community & Children's Services Committee  
Markets Committee  
Capital Buildings Committee  
Epping Forest & Commons Committee  
Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common Council  
Governors and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital  
Board of Governors City of London School for Girls (Deputy Chairman)  
Trustee, City of London Academies Trust  
Streets & Walkways, Sub (Planning & Transportation) Committee  
Housing Management and Almshouses Sub (Community and Children's Services) Committee  
Property Development Committee, The Honourable, The Irish Society

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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

# Bank Station – Upgrade of Northern Line and temporary closure

As part of the Bank Underground Station improvement works, part of the Northern Line through Bank will be closed for 17 weeks at the start of the new year. This is to finalise work on the brand-new Northern line tunnel and passenger concourse at the Bank Station.

- From 15 January 2022, there will be a 17-week closure of the Bank branch between Kennington and Moorgate of the Northern line which will require customers to make changes to the way they travel;
- Closure is part of improvements at Bank to increase the station's capacity, provide step free access to the Northern line, and make journeys quicker and easier;
- Intricate work will be completed during the closure, including connecting new tunnels to existing railway and integrating new systems in the station;
- Many lines and stations; and across central London will be busier, especially around the City of London, but extra Tube services and a new bus route will operate.

These significant works will see Bank station's capacity increase by 40 per cent when finished, with improvements including a new railway tunnel and platform for the Northern line, step-free access to the Northern line and improved access to the DLR platforms, more direct routes within the station and a new station entrance on Cannon Street.

Improving the station in the heart of the City of London is critical to supporting the continued growth and success of the City, addressing long-standing capacity issues and making journeys through Bank safer, easier, quicker, and more comfortable when fully complete later in 2022.

