



# Cornhill



## Concern for hospitality sector and historic City venues as Simpson's Tavern closes its doors



A number of local pubs and restaurants have closed since the COVID pandemic with some failing to reopen at all. The City of London Corporation Licensing team estimates that there are 10% fewer licenced premises in the City than at the start of 2020. Locally to the Ward of Cornhill there have a number of closures including the Crosse Keys and the George and Vulture. It is not known whether the closures will be temporary or permanent.

Then in the first week of November came the shocking news of the closure of Simpson's Tavern. Simpson's: London's oldest chop house has traded on the same site in the ward since 1757 and is know as a famous and much-loved City institution. The landlord changed the locks and shut out the leaseholder just in the run up to the busy Christmas period. A campaign has been established to seek a listing for the business as an 'Asset of Community Value' which provides some limited protections from, and delays to, any proposed redevelopment. The building itself is already Grade II listed.

**Councillor Peter Dunphy**, a former Chair of the Licensing Committee, has been working directly with the parties involved to try to save Simpson's "As we have launched the Destination City campaign to maintain the City as a great place to live, work or visit and encourage more visitors throughout the week it would be a disaster if we lose iconic and historic sites such as Simpson's. I am looking at ways in which we can help save Simpson's."

"I have also been hearing from venues such as Merchant Taylor's Hall and the Counting House on Cornhill about their need for delivery access and efficient and timely refuse and recycling services."

"Central to the City's pull as a global competitor with centres such as New York, Frankfurt, Hong Kong and Singapore is its attractiveness as a place to work and visit. We need to strike a balance between the provision of modern office facilities and the maintenance of our history and culture which is why we cannot afford to lose historic sites and businesses like Simpson's Tavern."

# 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.



## Worried about the cost of living?



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**For more information on this and other sources of help visit:**  
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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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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

### New Cornhill Councillor Abeyie elected to key committees



We are pleased that Councillor Joanna Abeyie has been appointed as Deputy Chair to the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee for the City of London Corporation. Alongside Chair Andrien Meyers, she will support the Corporation's newly appointed Director of EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) in their ambitions to make the City inclusive for all.

Joanna was also elected to sub-committee planning the hospitality arrangements the State Banquet at Guildhall hosted by the City of London for the President of the Republic of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa on 23rd November.

### Cornhill Ward Online

As well as a website at [www.cornhillward.org.uk](http://www.cornhillward.org.uk) we have a 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, licensing and transportation issues and news from local businesses including our great restaurants, bars and shops.



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