



Queenhithe



Queenhithe's 5-Star Hotel



Work on transforming Queensbridge House into a 5-star hotel and exclusive residential complex has been slowed by Coronavirus and is now scheduled for completion early next year. The luxury 222-bed Westin hotel will come complete with a gymnasium and 15-metre swimming pool. The main entrance will be on the north side at Huggin Hill, which will lead up to an open reception area running across Upper Thames Street on the fourth floor. Nine capacious standalone apartments face south with stunning views over Queenhithe and the River Thames, as does the hotel's main bar and a dockside restaurant. The riverside walkway, which will arc round the dock at the foot of the building, is ample and airy and will be a welcome enhancement to the Ward. The photo is of a pre-lockdown site visit.

Chief Commoner

Brian Mooney, an elected councillor for the Ward of Queenhithe since 1998, is serving the year 2020-21 as Chief Commoner of the City of London Corporation. In this largely ceremonial role, Brian is the leader and chief representative of the 125-member Court of Common Council, the governing body of the Square Mile.



Makeover for Millennium Bridge House

Millennium Bridge House is to have a major refurbishment and extension which will give the river front a refreshing new look and create a landscaped, publicly accessible rooftop garden, alongside new cafés and restaurants at second and ground floor levels.

residents and stakeholders will be invited to sign up to a project newsletter once a contractor is on board.

The project team can be contacted at: jbm@londoncommunications.co.uk

New designs for the 32-year-old building by Architects Piercy & Company also include replacing the unreliable public inclinator on St Peter's Hill with an enclosed vertical passenger lift.

Planning permission for the scheme was granted in July 2020 despite strong objections from residents in Norfolk House, and the developers plan to start working on site in early 2021. Construction is set to last for around 24 months, and local



Globe View and Queenhithe Thames Path

Designs for the Thames Path walkway under Globe View and Queens Quay and Queensbridge House have been finalised with the aim of maximising space and natural light and creating an enhanced feeling of safety. The large open vents in the Queensbridge House section will also be greened with box plants which will be maintained by City Gardens.



The Covid pandemic has set the project back by a few months, and the target date for completion of what will be the final section of the Thames Path in the City of London is now the end of the current year (2020).

For more information on the wider area enhancement programme please go to: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/city-public-realm/public-consultations/Pages/queenhithe-vintry.aspx>

Major City projects continue despite COVID-19

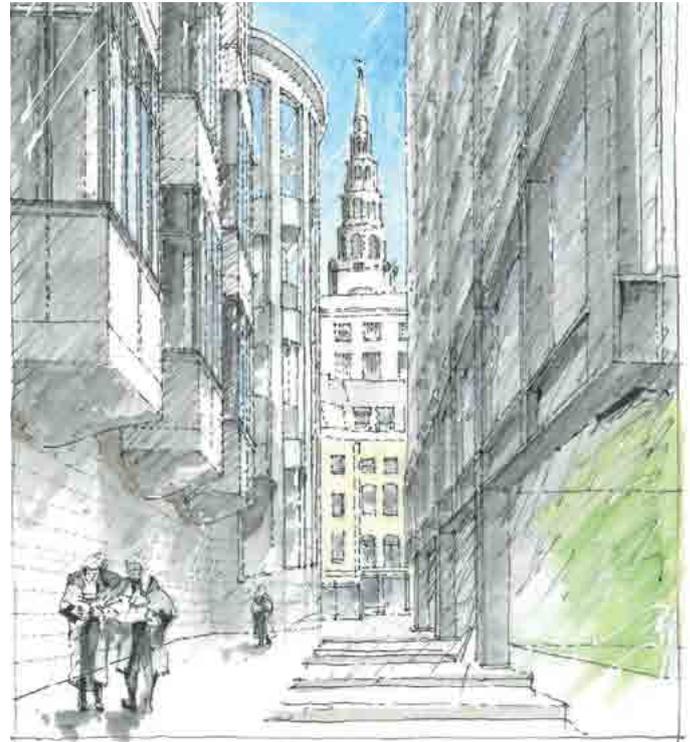
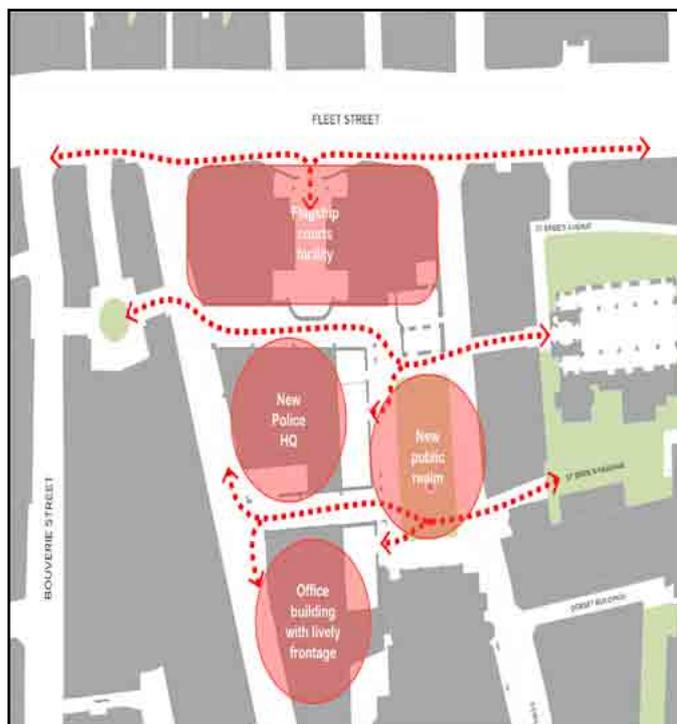
Over the summer the City of London Corporation launched an initial consultation on its plans for a new combined court and police complex on Fleet Street.

The proposals would see a flagship 18 courtroom facility for HM Courts and Tribunal Service and a new state-of-the-art headquarters for the City of London Police, along with a commercial development of offices and retail.

The new court facility, with its main entrance on Fleet Street, will create a high-quality civic frontage on this historic and important London thoroughfare. It will house significantly improved facilities for users and staff.

The City of London Police will be provided with a headquarters to support modern policing in its local and national remit and is being designed in close consultation with officers and staff.

A commercial building is planned for the rear of the site providing office accommodation and space for retail at ground floor level, creating a vibrant street scene on the route down towards the river.



Further consultation is expected to be carried out this autumn before a planning application is submitted in late 2020. You can keep up to date with the latest developments on the project website www.fleetstreetestate.co.uk

Also during the summer, the City Corporation asked for feedback on the initial concepts to re-imagine the Grade II* listed East and West Smithfield buildings and the Grade II Rotunda, should the meat market relocate. The east and west buildings are currently home to Smithfield meat market which the City Corporation has submitted an outline planning application to co-locate alongside Billingsgate and New Spitalfields markets to a new site in Dagenham Dock. Parliamentary approval is required to move the three markets and a further iteration of the Smithfield concept designs will support this process.

More information
www.wholesalemarkets.co.uk/smithfield

Register to vote in City elections

If you're a City worker, you may spend more time in the office than you do at home... so why not have the same say on services in the Square Mile as you have where you live?

Staff in City businesses and organisations can join residents and vote in the City of London Corporation's elections.

The City is unique in residents and workers being able to register to vote for local ward councillors.

This means they can have a voice on areas including air quality, cycling, personal security, green spaces, commuting and transport.

As far as possible, the appointed voters should reflect the diversity of the organisation's employees. This includes gender, ethnicity and seniority. The right to be appointed as a voter is open to staff at all levels – from chief executive to entry-level employees and even regular contractors –

so that the voters are truly representative of the whole City.

The City Corporation has sent registration forms to all eligible organisations. If you want to find out if your company has a named contact to help you register to vote, please get in touch on 0800 587 5537 or electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workervote



Have your say on City landmarks



People are being asked to give their views on statues, street and building names and other landmarks in the City of London with historic links to slavery and racism in all its forms.

The City of London Corporation has launched a three-month consultative exercise asking people which landmarks they think are a problem and what action they would like to see taken.

The survey is being promoted by the City Corporation's Tackling Racism Taskforce, set up in June with the aim of considering what action the organisation can take to tackle racism in all its forms.

It comes as organisations across London and the UK review the cultural legacy of slavery and colonialism in the light of the Black Lives Matter movement.

People can take part in the consultative exercise, which runs until Tuesday, 24 November, online at cityoflondon.gov.uk/historiclandmarksconsultation or by writing to: Tackling Racism Taskforce, City of London Corporation, Guildhall, PO Box 270, London EC2P 2EJ

New mental health centre opens

A new counselling and psychotherapy centre for workers and residents in the City of London and neighbouring boroughs is due to open in October,



Supported by the City of London Corporation, the City Wellbeing Centre will provide access to both longer and shorter-term talking therapies not easily available through the NHS in recent years. The charity, Tavistock Relationships, has been commissioned to provide a range of services from the centre.

As a non-profit making organization, Tavistock Relationship will look to make its services accessible to all, by providing therapy on the basis of what individuals and couples can afford and, in this way, it will play an important part in tackling health inequalities within the City.

Located at 75-77 Middlesex Street E1 7DA, the Centre will provide a range of counselling and psychotherapy services to individuals, couples and groups with mental health concerns and relationship difficulties.

www.citywellbeingcentre.org

Call for firms to enter environmental awards

City firms cutting back on single-use plastics and committing to improve London's air quality are being urged to enter London's top environmental gongs.

The City Corporation, which runs the Clean City Awards, wants to hear from firms of all sizes and sectors across the Square Mile.

The scheme, now in its 26th year, rewards businesses leading the way in improving environmental performance – be it by reducing their plastic use, taking action to cut their carbon emissions or just going that extra mile to be more environmentally friendly.

There are four award categories:

- Resource and Circular Economy
- Plastic Free City
- Air Quality and Climate Action
- Communication and Engagement

There is also a chance to apply for and win the Chairman's Cup, which looks at organisation's environmental and sustainability performance, and behaviour change during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Applications are open until 16 October 2020.

To sign up, apply and find out more information please visit www.ccaslondon.co.uk



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Who We Are



Queenhithe Team

Queenhithe has a team representing the Ward at the City of London Corporation – Alderman Alastair King, his Deputy, Councillor Brian Mooney, and Councillor Caroline Haines. We also have a Police Community Support Officer, Rosamund Sweet. They welcome contact from anyone who works or lives in the Ward, and they pride themselves on getting things done.

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Culture Heritage & Libraries
Children's Services
Bridewell Hospital (King Edward's School)
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Committees:
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City of London Boy's School
Community and Children's Services
Epping Forest and Commons
Culture Heritage & Libraries
Education Board
Open Spaces & City Gardens
Bridewell Hospital (King Edward's School)
Benefices
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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

Helping the Homeless

The Ward's most high profile rough sleeper resides mainly underneath Queensbridge House – although during the quietness of COVID lockdown he also frequented the fire escape in Stew Lane. He has been assigned a case number (00525474) and he has been visited by numerous agencies over the past 18 months. These include Streetlink/St Mungo's, the City of London Corporation (including the Chair of the Homeless and Rough Sleepers Sub Committee), the Salvation Army and the Church. Neither the Police, the City of London Corporation, the Salvation Army nor any other body has the power to evict him against his will or to harvest his personal details.

The Civic team, and particularly Caroline Haines through Children and Community Services, have been constantly raising and tracking his case, but his situation underlines the limited scope for dealing with rough sleepers who determine on staying put. Rough sleepers, in the same way as all of us, are protected by human rights and data privacy legislation.

While recognising that homelessness is a highly sensitive issue, there are some simple steps that any of us can take. It is very helpful if all residents & stakeholders play their part by contacting:

- The City of London Police if he is behaving in an aggressive or illegal manner – they usually send an officer asap and keep a note on file;
- Streetlink quoting the case reference – they will send out his case worker;
- Councillor Caroline Haines who will follow up with Corporation officers.

With your help we can continue to build a case file and to exert the necessary pressure that may help to resolve this issue.

Streetlink

Streetlink – an umbrella organisation which seeks to link rough sleepers with local and support services available to them
www.streetlink.london/Streetlink_London_HomePage

St Mungo's

St Mungo's – a London-wide charity for the homeless:
www.mungos.org/our-services/

Providence Row

The nearest accommodation for rough sleepers is:
Providence Row Day Centre
82 Wentworth Street
E1 7SA
info@providencerow.org.uk
www.providencerow.org.uk

City of London Corporation

The City of London may also be contacted by phone on 020 7332 3791 or by email: homeless@cityoflondon.gov.uk

There is more information relating to homelessness at:
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/housing/homelessness