

Consultations and Ciceronian oratory

The good news is first. One of the roles of the Barbican Association is to respond to consultations. Some people are occasionally cynical about consultations; they sometimes believe that the body doing the consulting has made up its mind and is just going through the motions. On this occasion, however, I'm pleased to report that in two recent City consultations, comments made by the BA, among others, seem to have been accommodated.

Earlier this year, we responded to a consultation on the "look and feel strategy" for the Culture Mile. We stated that we want the City to prioritise the improvement of streets and public spaces for pedestrians, creating better wayfinding and respecting the architecture of the Estate and its tranquillity. It is reassuring, therefore, to note in the paper that went last month to the Planning Committee on the outcome of the consultation that "There was an overwhelming enthusiasm about the tranquillity and peacefulness across the area, highlighting the importance of these spaces to many workers, residents and visitors. Overall, the area is celebrated for its diversity, history, architecture and greenery". Specific changes to the policy include:

- a section on greening has been developed further and called 'Urban Oasis' to give emphasis to the parts of Culture Mile which have a calm, quiet or oasis-like character;
- a recommendation was added, to encourage the use of measures to protect wildlife and habitats;
- greater emphasis was placed on reducing traffic and improving air quality;

- references to changing the use of (Barbican) car parks have been withdrawn, due to some negative responses;
- references that implied allowing public access through to the Barbican via privately accessible-only spaces (e.g. via Barber Surgeon's Garden) have been removed;
- additional references to Listed Building guidance and other conservation issues have been added and a new section called 'Sustain, maintain and enhance' has been included, to reflect the desire of respondents to see greater emphasis on maintenance, cleaning and the protection of the listed buildings and conservation areas in Culture Mile

The Planning committee also considered the outcome of the consultation on the City's Lighting Strategy. We were positive about this strategy but had certain concerns about the residential nature of the Barbican becoming lost within the Culture Mile (in terms of the type of lighting) and wanted even stronger action on light pollution. The committee report states that light pollution emerged as a significant issue from both residents and workers and the strategy now acknowledges the existence of a residential area in the middle of the Culture Mile and its different needs. The City is also producing a supplementary planning document on light pollution.

Finally, a report on the conservation area proposal has been approved by the Planning Committee. Last year, Golden Lane residents suggested a conservation area encompassing the Golden Lane and Barbican Estates, including the area in-between, namely Fann Street and Bridgewater Square, down to London Wall and up to Baltic Street. The BA supported this, as did, in a petition, many individual residents and architects. The planners' initial response was to make the Barbican Estate and Golden Lane Estate into two separate conservation areas. However, a further round of discussion has resulted in a

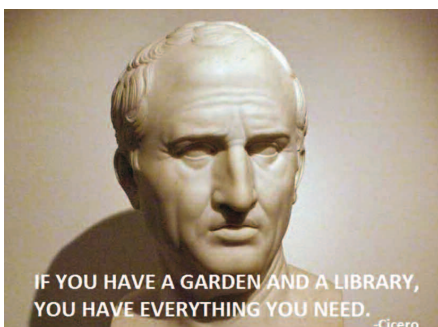
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paper that recommends one conservation area covering both estates, including both the Barbican Wildlife Garden and the patch of garden and City wall by Barber Surgeon's Hall. Although the paper does not match the original proposal, it does accept the link between the two mid-20th century estates.

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We shall have to wait until November for the outcome of the consultation on Saturday morning construction work. 725 responses were received, and we understand that the suggestion that work on Saturday mornings should be replaced by an extra hour on each of Monday to Friday did not find favour with any group of respondents.

A current consultation of relevance to us is TfL's consultation on changes to Central London bus routes. If you use the buses round the Barbican (e.g. 4, 55, 172, 205, 388), take note because journeys may alter and involve changing buses. It's at <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/central-london/>.

Ciceros in the Court of Common Council

In the meantime, we are engaging in a correspondence with the City's Standards Committee about whether or not they should issue dispensations to allow our elected councillors to speak on our behalf when those councillors have a disclosable pecuniary interest. The Localism Act 2011 requires elected councillors to declare pecuniary interests. Furthermore, it does not permit them to speak or vote when that interest is engaged. But the Act also allows for dispensations to be made and one of the circumstances is when it is "in the interests of persons living in the authority's area".

This does not seem to have been a problem until very recently but in the last couple of months our elected councillors who have flats in the Barbican, either as long leaseholders or tenants, have been refused dispensations to speak or vote in some committees on the future governance of the Estate and on other matters relating to the management of the Estate. This seems to be a much more restrictive view of the Act than that which applies throughout most of the rest of the country and it has the effect of rendering City residents disenfranchised compared to those of other local authorities.

Many local authorities grant dispensations to councillors who are tenants or leaseholders of council property and do so on a "blanket basis" for a councillor's term. Certainly, an application must be made but the policy then advises that it should be granted. For example, Manchester's council agreed in 2017 "that it is appropriate for

any Members of the Council who are tenants of Manchester City Council to be granted a dispensation pursuant to section 33(2) (e) of the Localism Act to allow them to participate and to vote on matters in relation to housing (provided that those functions do not relate particularly to the tenancy or lease of the Council Member concerned)" https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2973/standards_committee. There are many similar policies among local authorities throughout the country.

Even if the Standards Committee does not want to grant a dispensation to vote, there can be few cases in which it is necessary to prohibit a councillor who has an explicitly declared interest from *speaking* if she or he is properly to represent their constituents. Members of the City Corporation are well able to manage conflicts of interest; they deal with organisational conflicts of interest every day and so should be able to weigh a properly declared interest against the arguments made by councillors who have an interest. These decisions are even more odd, given that councillors who have been refused a dispensation have been allowed to make a submission in writing, which is then read out by another member. The risk seems to be that if councillors with interests are allowed to speak, they will do so with such Ciceronian brilliance that other members will lose their faculties of rational thought. Surely not.

Closer to home

Since the summer announcement by the Girls' School that it was not, for now, pursuing its plan to turn the Thomas More car park into classrooms, we have been seeking an informal meeting with the chair of governors to share our positions and concerns, in the spirit of the City's corporate plan for early engagement with stakeholders. I'm pleased to report that the chair has promised an early meeting.

New signage should be appearing across the Highwalks from Barbican Station to the Arts Centre; this is the long-promised pilot of Legible London signage. The project managers took a few residents on a walkabout across the Estate to receive their views on positioning and to determine if any information was missing. The designers are also working on a way to incorporate

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the names of the residential blocks into the signage; this has not been done in the rest of London, so it is something of a pilot for them.

Reminders

The BEO's Friday email is a useful source of information regarding works on the Estate or nearby, consultations, events and on matters of general interest. Many people were deleted from the list when the City introduced the consent provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations but the BEO will welcome them back. Simply *email* barbican.estate@cityoflondon.gov.uk and ask to subscribe to the email broadcast.

If you are disturbed by noise nuisance, please telephone the Noise Protection Team on the number shown among "Numbers to call in the event of disturbance" on Page 7. The number operates 24 hours a day, as does the Noise Protection Team. It's always worth reporting it because it creates a record in the City, which might be useful later and the officers who attend may be able to stop the nuisance. From January also, the City will have funds, from a levy on large building sites, to enforce the Code of Construction more vigorously. <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/business/environmental-health/environmental-protection/Pages/Disturbed-by-noise.aspx>



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Making sense of Barbican service charges

Service charges were on the agenda of our last meeting and, even for a neighbour who is an accountant, it can be hard to make sense of the accounts for such a large and complex Estate as ours. Included in the accounts, however, was the helpful bar graph printed here that breaks down the bills into 16 categories. This makes it much easier to see trends over time.

As can be seen, the 16 bars in the graph have three clear 'towers'. These indicate the largest elements of our service charges over the past few years although the biggest cost overall is employing the diverse teams delivering services to residents.

The cost of electricity for underfloor heating is consistently the single largest element, exceeding £1.8 million in 2018. That of general repairs has grown over the last few years to be

now the second largest element. At just under £1.2 million for 2018, it is marginally lower than in 2017. The third leading element of cost is cleaners/porters, which nudged over £1million in 2018 for the first time.

To complement the overview provided by the graph, it can be seen in the papers posted online by the City how the amount apportioned to each block compares with others. Simply search for the Barbican Estate Residents Consultation Committee (RCC) and look for pages 69-72 of our September meeting.

As these accounts are not easy to read, I am grateful to residents on the Leaseholders Service Charge Working Party, who have studied the numbers in detail. This working party is one of seven within the RCC, through which residents work with City officers to tackle a range of issues. The others are underfloor heating,

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gardens, service level agreements, roofs, asset maintenance and electric vehicle charging.

The service charge working party examines how service charges are calculated and, with City Officers, it examines how their processes and policies can be improved, so that service charges provide good value. The working party also seeks to ensure that information about service charges is transparent and is communicated effectively.

To the latter point, the working party has engaged with the City to improve communications regarding service charges. As a trial, four blocks received additional information as to why this year's service charge varied from the previous year's estimate, plus a schedule showing the comparison with the actual service charges for 2016/17. This new format will be used for all blocks in future and the City is considering how more service charge information can be included on its web site.

If you would like to hear more about what the RCC is discussing, Barbican residents are welcome to attend its meetings. The next is in Guildhall on Monday, 3rd December at 6.30 p.m. and I hope to see you there.

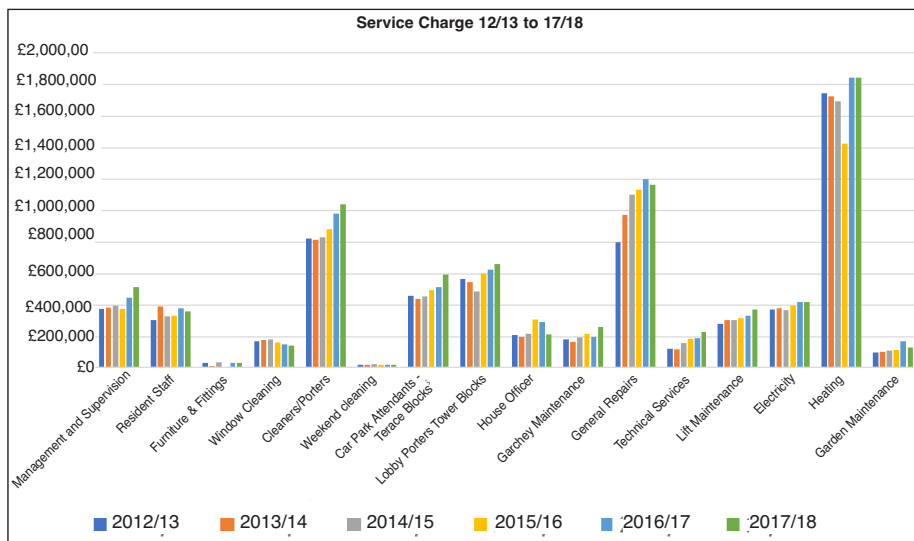


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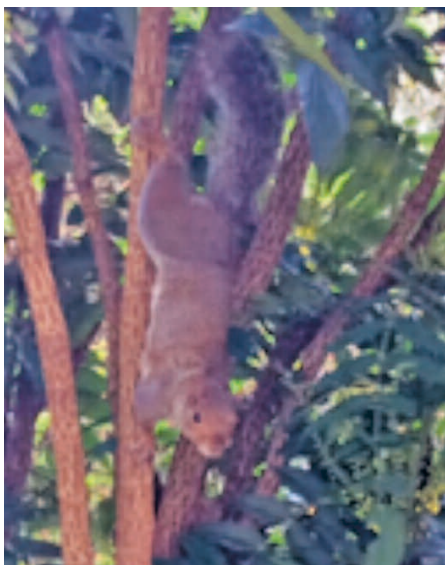
Christopher Makin
Chair, Barbican Estate Residents Consultation Committee, which represents residents in their relationship with the City – their managing agent and landlord.

Autumn and the Barbican Horticultural Society

The nights are becoming longer. Squirrels are collecting and hiding stashes of food in the gardens and will take bulbs from your window-boxes when you're not looking. They've even been known to creep into residents' flats on their search for tasty stuff!

It is time to think back on the astonishing spring and summer, tidy up the planters and plan for the next year.

Planning for what seeds to select is almost as pleasurable as the planting process. In doing so, I know that, one day, the reality will



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match to my dreams. I'm keen to grow more vegetables next year, having become self-sufficient in rosemary and chilli, though I have yet to find a use for the cucamelon.

If you would like to meet other Barbican gardeners of all levels, exchange tips and enjoy horticultural camaraderie, take part in the summer competition or relish the kudos of winning our annual end-of-year Quiz Night, please join the Barbican Horticultural Society.

Membership is £5 per year for individuals, £6 for couples/households. For more information visit www.barbicanhortsoc.co.uk or email information@barbicanhortsoc.co.uk.

Lionel Meyringer

Conserved - for now

The Officer's report to the City's Planning and Transportation Committee on 14 November 2017 recommended the exclusion from the proposed Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area of the Barbican Wildlife Garden, Exhibition Hall 1 service yard and the strip of "no-man's" land between Breton House and Golden Lane Campus, all part of the Barbican Estate, as well as Bridgewater Square. A Freedom of Information request made in 2018 revealed that the Barbican Association's initial response, on 7 November, pointed out that the Barbican Registered Landscape was registered Grade II* and not II, as the report claimed; part of that same Registered Landscape had been excluded as well.

The 14 November meeting duly approved the Officer's report and the creation of the Conservation Area went out to consultation from 18 December until 12 February. The Barbican Association and many of its members, including the Barbican Wildlife Garden volunteers, with the assistance of local Common Councillors including, in particular, Cripplegate member, Mark Bostock, with the benefit of professional advice, prepared and submitted their responses, many of which were detailed, and all were compelling.

With over 124 respondents supporting the inclusion of the Garden, the outcome of the consultation was a recommendation by the Assistant

Director, Historic Environment, that not only the Garden but also Bridgewater Square, should be included in the proposed Conservation Area, together with the "tongue" of the Registered Landscape running from St. Giles to London Wall; the latter embraces the London Wall Scheduled Ancient Monument, north and west of Monkwell Square. It was included even though only one respondent had requested this, albeit as part of the rejected Zone 5. In addition, without comment, the plan of the proposed Conservation Area included the Exhibition Hall service yard but the fate of the "no-man's" land is still unknown.

At the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting on 8 October, despite a brave attempt, Barbara Newman's proposal, seconded by Mark Bostock, to include the other areas of Zone 2 within the was defeated 10 - 9. The next stage in the process is to advertise the decision and inform both Historic England and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. At that time, representations will be made as to whether or not, by omitting certain parts of Zone 2, particularly Bridgewater House, The Cobalt Building and Tudor Rose Court without valid reason, the City Corporation has failed in its statutory duty regarding the creation of the new Conservation Area.

The quality and content of City Corporation's appraisal of Zones 2, 4 and 5 seem to fall short of the

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required standard; there have been no new Conservation Areas in the Square Mile for around fifteen years, so that might not be surprising. Furthermore, as far as Zone 5 is concerned, an objective completion of the checklist for the creation of a Conservation Area offers a score of 10 out of 12.

While not impacting directly on either the Garden or Bridgewater Square, 45 Beech Street is a significant building in its own right, not just because of the history of its development but because it is on the Culture Mile. The City Corporation may have lost an opportunity better to control its development.

Meanwhile, had two recent Court decisions been made before August 2017, it is questionable whether or not planning permission for *The Denizen* would have been granted without an £11.5m, instead of the £4.5m cash payment in lieu of onsite affordable housing provision. Likewise, it is questionable whether or not the then Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government would have been able to allow the planning application without giving reasons.

Fred Rodgers

Chair, Bernard Morgan Liaison Group

Back to the Garden

As a newcomer to the Estate, I have the good fortune to live near the wonderful Barbican Wildlife Garden. In January this year, the Garden was left out of the proposed Barbican Estate Conservation Area, amid claims that it was "not really part of the Estate". This prompted me to do some research into the post-War history of the Garden and what I have found has convinced me that it is indeed very much part of the Estate and has been from the very beginning in the 1950s.

The land around Bridgewater Square, including the Garden, was acquired in 1947 for an earlier residential scheme, which was never realised. By 1956, Chamberlain, Powell and Bon had incorporated the land into their Barbican Scheme and the early plans show it as an open plaza, framed by buildings, with green space adjacent to it. In the revised 1959 Scheme, approved by the Court of Common Council in 1960 and which formed the basis for the subsequent Development, the land had become a Garden which ran all the way to Viscount St. A hand-sketch of the area, drawn by the architects as a garden (dated 1962) is still available to view in the London Metropolitan Archive.

During the 1960s, the area was leased as a car park and then later was used for temporary contractor offices during the building of Phase IV. Finally, in October 1974, the minutes of the City Corporation's Barbican Committee record that "agreement should be given in principle to lay out (the area) as a garden and the Consultant Architects instructed in conjunction with the Superintendent of Parks and Gardens to prepare a scheme".

The Garden was laid out as an amenity garden with access via stairs in the Bunyan podium into Bridgewater Square, which was laid out at the same time. No excavation was carried out, so the remains of the bombed-out basements of the pre-War buildings remain under the Garden to this day, making it the last piece of unexcavated land on the Barbican Estate. Photographs from 1985 show it as a lawned area surrounded by mature trees and woodland shrubbery.



"we got to get ourselves back to the garden" Joni Mitchell

Unfortunately, it appears to have fallen into a state of neglect relatively quickly and in 1990 the decision was taken to turn it into a wildlife garden. No records exist of what was done but the arrival of the nursery in the Bunyan podium meant that Bridgewater Square was lost to the Garden and the access was moved to the bottom of the Bunyan ramp. The final change from the 1990s was the release of land for the building of Tudor Rose Court, which meant that many plantings from 1974 were lost.

Since 2007, the Garden has been tended by residents and today is a wonderful oasis away from the bustle of City life. If you have not yet visited, I encourage you to do so.

Ruth Cooke-Yarborough

Blake Tower

Mostly and rightly, it's about ice cream

A handful of galleries that are not too far from the Barbican notify the newsletter regularly about their exhibitions.

The **Velorose Gallery** at 1b Charterhouse Square, until November 9, is hosting an exhibition entitled "Mono". For the first time, the gallery and its Barbican resident director, David Rosenberg are presenting their own personal collection. In the first part of two exhibitions exploring colour and the absence thereof, Mono showcases an extensive selection of black and white works by a diverse range of eminent and lesser-known artists. Alongside more familiar works such as Mark Wallinger's Ghost and Bridget Riley's 'Bagatelles', visitors will find a unique array of work by contemporary and rising artists.



What really matters!

Above the Law?

Perhaps irrationally, but I find myself mildly irritated each time I walk passed the City of London police station on Wood Street, outside which cars are parked on the double yellow lines throughout the day.

My unverified assumption is that these vehicles have something to do with people connected with the police station. Maybe they are unmarked official police vehicles, private cars being used by such people or perhaps impounded vehicles. Whatever it is, they are parked, it might appear, illegally; they never appear to be ticketed for illegal parking. Maybe, I suppose, they have a legitimate exemption. Around that area, the story is repeated in nearby streets. In addition, there is often a smattering of other "friendly" vehicles, for example, City commercial vehicles liveried vans operated by Skanska. The latter is, presumably, for purposes of the execution of its contract with the City of

London Corporation to carry out mechanical and electrical maintenance and look after the Corporation's buildings. I have a strong suspicion that if the rest of us were to park our cars there, even for reasons that are exceptionally worthy and of value to the community, the consequences might be expensive.

There is no question that at least some of



Unmarked copper blue soft top; very Miami Vice!

Barbican Tuesday Club

The Autumn Tuesday Club session is now well under way, having started with the ever-popular Annual General Meeting. There was a good attendance, apart from those truants still on holiday. The team of Chairman (June Giles), Treasurer (Tony Croot) and Committee (Ann Bradley, Corinne Littlestone, Pauline Jenkins and Pauline Pearson) were happy to be re-elected and were thanked for their excellent past work.

It was decided to have the October outing closer to home and the Wallace Collection was chosen, with its amazing and beautiful works of art, including, of course, that cheeky chappie "The Laughing Cavalier". Following the tour, afternoon tea was taken in the delightful restaurant where the extensive range of teas meant that we all had our individual teapots. Posh!

As always, we have an entertaining range of guests who have, so far spoken on "Photographs of Old London" and "the Franco Years", with the "History of the Post Office" and the painter *John Sargent* in plan, with further events to be arranged. In addition, we are often joined by the local police and members of the Estate Office to keep us up-to-date with current matters.

If you would like to join us, new members are made most welcome. We meet on Tuesday afternoons from 2.45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the Lilac Room, 02 level of Seddon House. Just come along or give me a ring for more information on 020 7588 1623.

June Giles



More "cheeky chappies"

At the **Estorick Collection** at 39a Canonbury Square, London N1 2AN, "A New Figurative Art 1920-1945: Works from the Giuseppe Iannaccone Collection" will run until December 23. This collection contains work by many of the most significant artists who belonged to influential schools and tendencies, such as Scuola di Via Cavour, Sei di Torino and Corrente. In addition to works by Luigi Brogгинi, Renato Guttuso, Carlo Levi, Mario Mafai, Aligi Sassu, Scipione and Emilio Vedova, the collection includes major pieces by Filippo de Pisis, Fausto Pirandello, Ottone

Rosai and a rare figurative sculpture by Lucio Fontana.

At the **Museum of London**, until 11 November 2018, there will be an opportunity to explore the enduring interest in London's street vendors with its free display London Street Encounters. With its ice cream carts, Covent Garden flower girls, costermongers and others, London's streets have always been thronged, bustling with vendors and the cries of hawkers. Rosalie Wiesner explores how encounters on London streets have inspired artists and photographers across the years.

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these vehicles need to be parked on the street but provision is or should be made for this. Across the street are parking bays marked clearly for such purposes. I wonder, however, if all essential City workers, other than the people at the police station, have a right to park their own or even their "company" vehicles on double yellow lines? I suspect not. Would it not be more transparent and likely to give encouragement to legal compliance if all such areas were to be clearly marked for relevant purposes?

We can be a little smug, when looking at other cities and countries wherein the police and suchlike occasionally seem to operate above the law and like to think that it does not happen here. In this minor instance, a little evidence in support of that would help.

Robert McKay

Cyber Griffin

Building on Project Griffin, through which the police seek to engage with the community to deal with the danger of terrorist activity, the City of London Police has launched Cyber Griffin, a range of services aimed at preventing and tackling cybercrime.

T/Commander Peter O'Doherty, Head of Crime and Cyber from the City of London Police and National Policing Lead for the Prevention of Cybercrime, explains what prompted the introduction of Cyber Griffin, saying "There is a significant evolution in the threat from cybercrime both in terms of its volume and complexity, cyber criminals are extremely intelligent and adept at using technology; they operate all over the world and are difficult to trace". Witness the recent

and continuing reports about suspected Russian activity in the United States, England and elsewhere.

The aim is to provide a deterrent; "even though the threat is different, Cyber Griffin emulates the approach of Project Griffin to work in collaboration with the community", stresses T/Commander O'Doherty.

The new approach recognises that many organisations and bodies are making great efforts to reduce the threat from cybercrime; nevertheless, its history is littered with incidents in which businesses have been attacked and their responses have been inadequate. We have witnessed cybercrime attacks on banks and many people have been subjected to would-be computer scammers.

T/Commander O'Doherty believes that a significant percentage of cybercrime might be prevented if business organisations continue to invest to enhance their cyber

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security; Cyber Griffin has been set-up initially to offer practical help to City of London businesses.

One might hope that if the objectives are achieved, in time, residents and other individuals will benefit from the lessons learnt.

David Bradshaw C.C.
Chairman, Barbican Estate Security Committee

Useful Police Contact Numbers

Barbican Police Office: 020 7601 2456
Snowhill Police Station Front Desk:
020 7601 2406

General CoLP switchboard
(skateboarding): 020 7601 2222

Emergencies (landline): 999

Emergencies (mobile): 112

Anti-Terrorist Hotline: 0800 789 321

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City Noise Team: 020 7606 3030
for noise happening currently.

For advice, email
publicprotection@cityoflondon.gov.uk
(response to emails is not immediate)
Transport for London (Underground):
0343 222 1234* (option 6) 08:00-20:00.

Use online form at
<https://tfl.gov.uk/help-and-contact/>

Crossrail: 0345 602 3813

Email: helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk

Protecting City businesses



BA DISCOUNT SCHEME

The Barbican Association has negotiated the following discounts with the suppliers below. You may need to present your BA Membership Card to take advantage of these. The scheme members offer discounts or incentives to Barbican Association members to buy their products or utilise their services and are publicised in each issue of Barbican Life Magazine, on the www.barbicanlife.com website and in the Barbican Association's quarterly newsletter. Contact Lawrence Williams on 020 7588 0898 – or by email at barbicanlife@gmail.com – for further information.

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FOOD AND DRINK

Artillery Arms 15% discount on food and drink on presentation of BA membership card. The Artillery Arms is at 102 Bunhill Row, EC1Y 8ND. Telephone 020 7253 4683 for table bookings. Website www.artillery-arms.co.uk

NEW – Bowling Bird Contemporary neighbourhood restaurant offering fresh, seasonal food and a select choice of fine wines and spirits. Offering Barbican Association members 25% off all food on the menu. (Please mention when booking and/or show membership card on arrival). Opening Hours Tuesday through Friday 12 noon to 3.30 pm and 5.00 pm to 10.00 pm. Bowling Bird, 44 Cloth Fair, EC1A 7JQ. Tel: 020 7324 7742. www.bowlingbird.com

Chiswell Street Dining Rooms 20% off total food bill in the evenings Mondays to Fridays. To take advantage of the offer please bring proof of membership. Not applicable with any other offer. To view menu or to reserve a table visit the website www.chiswellstreetdining.com

Coq d'Argent A complimentary glass of Champagne when ordering from the a la carte menu (up to 6 Max, not to be used in conjunction with any other offers). To redeem, Barbican Life members will need to mention 'Barbican Life' when making their booking or present their membership card on arrival. Coq d'Argent, No 1 Poultry, EC2R 8EJM Tel: 020 7395 5000.

The Coriander Indian Restaurant. Family-run business, fresh Indian food. 55 Aldersgate Street, Barbican EC1A 4LA T: 0207 600 4747 or 0207 7964 499 www.thecoriander.com/barbican-coriander.html Barbican Resident Special Discount. Take Away Collection – 15% Take Away delivery – 10% Dine in – 10%

Crab Tavern Crab Tavern in Broadgate Circle is a seafood restaurant and bar that boasts a menu that merges New York style with classic west coast American fare. Choose from an abundance of hero crab dishes, rolls and salads, as well as more refined dishes from the classic grill and seafood selection. 15% discount on food only offered to Barbican Association members. Unit 37, Broadgate Circle, London EC2M 2QS, UK. Tel: 020 7096 2044. Website: crabtavern.co.uk

NEW – Da Giua Ristorante & Pizzeria. Newly opened on Whitecross Street opposite Waitrose. – offers 10% off food for Barbican Association members. Quality Italian food and pizzas. Take-out available. Da Giua is at 105-107 Whitecross Street, EC1Y 8JH – tel: 020 7374 6713.

Fish Central Bustling neighbourhood seafood restaurant serving the well known as well as the more exotic varieties of the freshest fish. 10% off the total bill – restaurant only. 149-155 Central Street, King Square, London, EC1V 8AP. Tel: 0207 2534 970

NEW – Forge Bar/Restaurant Forge has two Barbican Association offers: 25% off food (valid at any time). Complimentary bottle of prosecco for groups of 5 people or more. Please pre-book by sending an email to info@forgedinlondon.com – T&C's apply. Please show BA card. Forge, 24 Cornhill, EC3V 3ND www.forgedinlondon.com. Opening hours: Mon-Wed 11am-midnight Thurs-Fri 11am-3am Sat 5pm-1am closed Sunday.

Gattis City Point 10% of final bill in the evenings, Monday to Friday. To take advantage of the offer please bring proof of membership. Gattis Restaurant, City Point, 1 Ropemaker Street, EC2Y 9AW. Tel: 020 7628 8375. www.gattisrestaurant.co.uk Take-away and deliveries also available.

Hammer & Tongs South African style barbecue (braai)

restaurant in Farringdon, close to Exmouth Market. Meat and fish dishes cooked over an open wood fire indoors to give the authentic braai taste. 20% discount on the total bill for Barbican Association members. Please mention membership on booking or being seated in the restaurant. Open Monday-Saturday 12 noon to 12 midnight. Hammer & Tongs, 171 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3AL. Tel: 020 3302 6645. Web: www.hammertongs.co.uk

UPDATED – HIX Oyster and Chop House Restaurant offers Barbican Association members 25% off total bill valid every day a la carte & set menus lunch & dinner - not applicable for Sunday roast menu or Happy Hour oysters. Maximum bookings 6 people. Please show your BA Membership card on arrival. Kids under 10yrs eat free. Children under 10yrs receive a free main course from the children's menu. One child per dining adult. 12-6pm. Bring your own wine Mondays – no corkage charge. Happy Hour Oysters £1.25 each between 4-6pm Mon-Fri. 36-37 Greenhill Rents, Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6BN. Tel: 0207 017 1930. Website: www.hixrestaurants.co.uk/restaurant/hix-oyster-chop-house Opening times: Mon – Sat midday-11pm, Sun midday-10pm

The Jugged Hare British GastroPub with open kitchen and separate private events space on the corner of Chiswell Street and Silk Street. 20% off the total food bill Monday – Friday dinner and all day on Saturdays and Sundays. 49 Chiswell Street. London EC1Y 4SA. www.thejuggedhare.com

London Wall Bar and Kitchen Museum of London – podium level: A complimentary glass of Prosecco with a main course order. Residents will need to show their BA Card to redeem the offer, one glass per main course ordered, normal licensing laws apply, not valid with any other offer. For reservations call: 020-7600 7340

Moshi Moshi Sushi Moshi Moshi is a calm, discreet place

servicing authentic Japanese sushi and izakaya-style dishes. It offers all Barbican Association Members a 10% discount on their total bill on presentation of the BA Membership card. Liverpool Street, Unit 24, Liverpool Street Station, London EC2M 7QH (above platform 1, behind M&S). Tel / Fax: 020 7247 3227

Neo 14-17 Carthusian Street, Tel: 0207 726 8925: Special pizza and drink offer for BA members – any Pizza and a glass of house wine or soft drink for £9.95. Neo's pizza dough is made fresh every morning and only quality fresh toppings are used. Special offer applies from Saturday through to Wednesday.

Pho Vietnamese Cafe/Restaurant 10% discount at all times. 86 St John Street, EC1M 4EH. Tel: 020 7253 7624. Email: info@phocafe.co.uk. Pho is open Monday to Friday from late morning to late evening and on Saturday evenings.

'SMITHS' of Smithfield 'SMITHS' offers Barbican Association members a 20% discount in the Top Floor Restaurant and Second Floor Dining Room on food only with a Barbican Association membership card. Max 6 people. The discount is available up until year-end 2018. Top Floor Restaurant is open: Mon – Fri 12pm to 3pm, 6pm to 11pm; Saturday 6pm to 11pm; Sunday 1pm to 3:30pm. Dining Room Mon – Fri 12pm to 3pm, 5:30pm to 11pm. Sat 5:30pm to 11pm. For reservations call 020 7251 7950 or email reservations@thisissmiths.com. Web: www.smithsofsmithfield.co.uk/

Sourced Market Barbican The new Sourced Market independent food and drink market underneath the Citadines Hotel in Goswell Road offers Barbican Association members 10% off its fantastic coffee, artisan bread, bean to bar chocolate, craft beer, wine and a selection of great food from breakfast to lunch to light plates in the evening. Sourced Market, 7-21 Goswell Road, EC1M 7AH. www.sourcedmarket.com

St Barts Brewery Bar/restaurant on corner of Long Lane and West Smithfield. 20% weekend discount off all food and drink on production of Barbican Association membership card. Bookings not necessary but advised. 66 West Smithfield, EC1A 9DY. Tel: 020 7600 2705. To view menu see website www.stbartsbrewery.com

Vecchio Parioli Friendly Italian restaurant at the corner of Aldersgate Street and Carthusian Street offers Barbican Association members a 10% discount on production of their membership card. 129 Aldersgate Street, EC1A 4JQ. Tel: 0207 253 3240.

Vino & Vino Italian wine bar – wine shop – lunch – aperitivo. FREE Italian tapas with your wine from 5pm. 15% off food on presentation of Barbican Association membership card. Open Monday-Friday, 10am to 9pm. Over 60 carefully selected Italian wine labels to choose from, ham and cheese platters, large bruschettas and salads served daily. www.vinoandvino.co.uk. 16 West Smithfield, EC1A 9HY.

Wood Street Bar and Restaurant Mon to Wed 10% off total bill when sitting down to dine. Maximum of 6 people in a party. The Barbican Association card discount must be mentioned either when booking or when ordering to take advantage. Barbican Association membership card should also be shown to person taking order. Wood Street Bar and Restaurant, Cnr. Wood Street and Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 5EJ. Tel 020 7256 6990

HEALTH, BEAUTY AND WELLBEING

Acupuncture Access Acupuncture Access at 193 Whitecross St offers 20% off initial consultation to Barbican residents, and 10% thereafter. Beat-off burn-out with this deeply relaxing treatment. Herbs are not used, which keeps the overall cost of treatment down. www.AcupunctureAccess.co.uk | 07553 636841

Barbican Dental Care 10% off normal fees; 25% off customised home whitening; 30% off combined "thermal diffusion" and customised home whitening Amanda Lenihan, Barbican Dental Care, Lower Ground Floor, 2 Cophall Avenue, London EC2R 7DA. Tel: 020 7256 2477. Website: www.barbicandentalcare.com

Barbican Dental Practice 10% discount on procedures for BA members on production of their Membership Card. (5% discount for all Barbican residents). 1 Wallside, Barbican. Phone: 020 7638 8200 for appointment. www.barbicandentists.co.uk

Barbican Physio A team of highly qualified and experienced physiotherapists offer a broad range of physiotherapy services. 15% discount on physiotherapy fees for self-paying Barbican Residents on presentation of BA card. Entrance off Podium Level. No. 1, The Postern, Wood Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BJ. Tel: 020 7606 6530. Website: www.barbicanphysio.co.uk

Bodymotion Chiropractic Clinic 15% discount on presentation of Barbican Association membership card. No. 1 Wallside, Barbican. Phone 020 7374 2272 for appointment. www.body-motion.co.uk

City Psychotherapy Psychotherapy and Jungian analysis for adults by UKCP accredited psychotherapist. 10% discount on initial consultation for BA members.

Consulting room 2 mins from Barbican tube station. To arrange an appointment please call Catherine Cox on 020 7796 3454 or email ccox@citypsychotherapy.org For further information please visit www.citypsychotherapy.org

Clear Coaching and Training Moving you from where you are now to where you want to be. 1-2-1 coaching in the Barbican with accredited Coach, DISC assessor and NLP Practitioner. 10% discount on Coaching Sessions. Contact Michele 020 7628 0887/07939 047 094 E-mail: michele@clearcoachingandtraining.com , www.clearcoachingandtraining.com

Health in the City Formerly the Feelgood Centre and now moved to Room 57, 65 London Wall, EC2M 5TU, is offering Barbican Association members a 10% discount on a wide range of Therapies and Treatments which are available from specialist practitioners. For a full listing please check the website: www.feelgoodcentre.com. For booking or further information call 07946 084 848 or email feelgoodcentre@yahoo.com. Web: www.healthinthecity.co.uk

Insight London Counselling and Psychotherapy 20% discount on the initial consultation for BA members. Fees for ongoing sessions are negotiable according to individual circumstances. Individual, couple and family sessions with a Chartered Clinical Psychologist. Consulting rooms in Golders Green, close to the Underground, 25 minutes from Moorgate. On-street parking is available. Website: www.insightlondon.co.uk. To arrange an appointment contact Marc Hekster 07775 629 432 or email. info@insightlondon.co.uk

Justwaxit Waxing & Threading: Justwaxit has opened at the Malmin Clinic, 131 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4EB (between Barbican tube/Nat West and Tesco). Barbican Association members receive 20% off all body waxing, 30% off intimate waxing. Tel: 0207 251 2222 website: justwaxit.co.uk

London Eye Optique London Eye Optique Optometrists is offering Barbican Association members 10% discount on all complete pairs of spectacles. *Terms and Conditions apply. London Eye Optique Opticians, 2a Cherry Tree Walk, Whitecross St. Barbican, London EC1Y 8NX. Tel: 0207 256 9778. To find out more about our services please email us on optician@londoneyeoptique.co.uk or alternatively visit our website www.londoneyeoptique.co.uk

No74 Hair & Beauty No 74 is delighted to give a introductory 30% discount for the first visit on a single service for all BA Members. Discount 30% off for the first visit, permanent discount 10% off on all hair and beauty services incl. YON-KA massage and facials, Sebastian, Wella & OPI treatments @ No74, 74 Compton Street, EC1V 0BN. www.no-74.co.uk , info@no-74.co.uk , Tel. 020 74 908555, BA card required

Personal Training Private personal training in a studio – up to 20% discount for BA members. Individual 1:1 sessions provided by an experienced, passionate trainer close to Old St roundabout (less than 10 minutes walk from the Barbican): phone 07729219328 email: JamesDrainEsq@gmail.com Website: BodyEngineer.co.uk

Psychotherapy City 10% discount on first four psychotherapy, counselling or coaching sessions to BA members on production of their membership card (5% to all Barbican residents). Practice at London Bridge. Contact: Amanda Falkson. Phone: 0777 557 0208. Email: amanda@psychotherapycity.co.uk Web: www.psychotherapycity.co.uk

Registered Osteopath – Lucy Bracken 25% discount on the first three appointments 10% discount thereafter to all BA members. Based five minute walk north of the Barbican. Drakes Gym, 1 Pardon Street, EC1Y. Call Lucy on 07712 647 282 or email Lucybracken@mac.com

Thao V Hair Studio Studio We are a new hair salon, based in a lovely location at the foot of Lauderdale Tower in the Barbican. We are pleased to offer a discount to Barbican Association members: 20% off your first visit, and 10% off subsequent visits, for haircuts or blow dry. Full information, opening times, and pricing is on our website www.thaov.com Bookings: Phone 020 7628 4897, or Book Online at www.vagaro.com/thaovhairstudio

SALES AND SERVICES

Abracadabra Services 5% discount off regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly cleaning prices and a 10% discount off prices for one-off Spring and end of tenancy cleans. Contact Abracadabra Services Ltd., 10 Glasshouse Yard, Barbican, London EC1A 4JN or call Allan Lee on 020 7336 7686. Fax: 020 7336 7687. Email: info@abracadabra.co.uk Website: www.abracadabra.co.uk

Certax Certax Accounting (EC London) 5% off the first years Tax & Accounting services if you are looking to change accountants. Aimed at individuals, companies, contractors & landlords. Contact Marie on 07903 585959. 81 Rivington St., Shoreditch, EC2A 3AY. www.certaxaccountinglondon.co.uk

Computer Saviour Friendly visiting computer specialist undertakes maintenance, repairs, installations, networking virus removal etc. – all your computer needs. 10% discount for Barbican Association members. Call Neill Hoskins on 079 600 89528 or email neill@computersaviour.co.uk

LSO Live LSO Live is the record label of the London Symphony Orchestra, the Barbican's resident orchestra. Barbican Association members may claim a 20% discount – using the code BARBICANLSO – on any orders of CDs or downloads made via the online shop – https://lso.live.lso.co.uk. LSO Live CDs are also available from the Barbican Centre shop but without a discount for now.

Mail Boxes Etc, Barbican 10% discount to BA members on any Fedex International Priority or UPS Express shipment. Members should show their BA membership cards and discount will be applied at time of purchase on the current Fedex or UPS retail price. Not valid with any other offer and only available at Mail Boxes Etc, Barbican. We are open from 8.30am to 6.30pm Monday – Friday. 128 Aldersgate Street, London, EC1A 4AE. Tel: 0203 3261116, email: info@mbebarbican.co.uk

Prince of Wales Dry Cleaners Service includes, dry cleaning, laundry service, linen service. We also clean leather and suede, and do alterations and repairs. We also provide shoe repairs. Free pick up and delivery service. Special offer laundering 5 shirts for £7.50. Offering 10% discount on first orders and any bulk orders. 17 Prince of Wales Rd, London NW5 3LH Phone: 02072 671540 and 07590 377245

REtailoring We are a local tailoring service offering both Bespoke and Made-to-Measure suits and quality alterations to all types of garments. We are happy to offer 10% discount on all items for Barbican Association members. REtailoring, 12 East Passage, London. EC1A 7LP. Tel: 020 7600 4600. Opening Hours 9:30 to 6:00 Monday to Friday, Saturdays by appointment

Urban Locker Self Storage Your stuff, close by at Paterson Court, Peerless Street, London EC1V 9EX. Tel: 020 3637 0850. Catering for all your storage needs. Business and Domestic, Safe and Secure 10% Discount on any solution when presented with the BA membership card

CULTURE

Velorose Gallery: Cultural Hub Gallery in beautifully refurbished landmark building offers Barbican Association members 5% – 10% discount on works from current and previous exhibitions. 1B Charterhouse Square EC1M 6EE www.velorose.com 020-7253 1090 gallery@velorose.com

FURNISHING

Alma Home 10% discount on furnishings. View at showroom at 8 Vigo Street, London W1S 3HN, or in Selfridges. See also website www.almahome.co.uk. Contact Tisha Richbell on 020 7377 0762 or by email: tisha.richbell@almahome.co.uk for further details.

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MILK Concept Boutique Small furnishings, contemporary hand-crafted lighting, collectable porcelain, fragrances, travel accessories and exclusive fashion labels can all be found relaxing in comfort amid the whitewash Victoriana and petite elegance of The Clerk's House, beside Shoreditch church. BA Members offered discounts of 5% to 10% on all goods except Fornasetti. 118 1/2 Shoreditch High Street, London E1 6JN, Tel/Fax 0207 7299880

MyDreamKitchen 5% discount on fitted kitchens. Contact Spiro Nicholas, MyDreamKitchen, 708 Lea Bridge Road, London E10 6AW. Freephone 0800 018 5654. Email: spiro@mydreamkitchen.co.uk Web: www.mydreamkitchen.co.uk

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