

LONDON WALL WEST

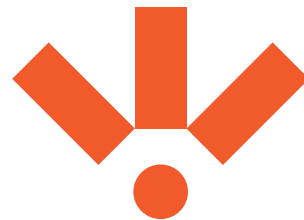
THE TWENTIETH CENTURY SOCIETY PLACES BASTION HOUSE AND THE MUSEUM OF LONDON ON THEIR BUILDINGS AT RISK REGISTER

At a packed-out meeting in St. Giles' Church on 17 January, the Twentieth Century Society announced that Bastion House and the Museum of London buildings are being recognised as one of the ten most threatened 20th Century buildings in the UK and are being placed on their 2023 Buildings At Risk register.

The City still plans to demolish these historically significant and well-constructed buildings to make way for a massive office-led development. This demolition and construction would release an additional 45,000 tonnes of CO₂ into the atmosphere.

The Twentieth Century Society's announcement is a major boost to our campaign to persuade the City to retain, reuse and retrofit Bastion House and the Museum of London buildings. It is a clear warning to the City that their plans will be carefully scrutinised at national level and major objections will continue to be made from a wide range of expert sources.

At the same meeting, award-winning architect Ian Chalk gave a valuable insight into the growing trend to refit and refurbish existing structures. He gave as an example, the successful re-purposing of the Brutalist-style Camden Town Hall extension. It was clear from his talk that the City has never seriously investigated the potential to refit and



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re-purpose Bastion House and the Museum of London.

Almost 400 people came along to our meeting at St Giles signalling how opposition to the City's plans is growing. We now have pledges of support from all major political parties for the BQA campaign.

NEXT STEPS

The City has confirmed that it intends to issue revised proposals for London Wall West in the next two months. We expect these proposals to be only marginally different from those we have already seen. We shall of course keep everyone informed of any news and developments and will continue to do everything possible to encourage the City to stop and rethink its plans.

Sign up to the BQA website: www.londonstartshere.co.uk to see videos of the presentations by the Twentieth Century Society and Ian Chalk and keep abreast of what is happening.

STOP PRESS

Chris Hayward, Chair of the City of London Policy and Resources Committee and de facto our council leader, has asked the City Surveyor to 'market test' any interest from developers for using the Museum and Bastion House for cultural purposes. He has said that this will take place in parallel with the City's planning application.

We celebrate this action and congratulate Mr Hayward for starting to hear some of our suggestions. BQA will be

encouraging the City to carry out a meaningful search and we will offer our help and advice with this process. We hope this is a sign that the City will recognise residents as a rich resource to work in close partnership with for the benefit of all.

Service Charge Update

As you may well know, there is an independent review of the BEO on efficiencies, organisation and value for money of service charges and our RCC Chair is on the project board. The review is due to report at the end of February; however, we are unlikely to see any financial impact before the service charge year 2024/5 when recommendations have been discussed, agreed and implemented.

In the meantime, please prepare yourselves for another hefty surcharge on the budgeted service charges for 2022/3. The volunteer teams on the RCC have been trying to get the City to get a grip on the huge repair costs and the possible inaccuracies in the electricity meter readings. Windows and waterproofing continue to be the major repair expenses and although the City seems to recognise that they need to schedule these as larger projects with tenders and bids, they have not yet organised that. The illogical differences between blocks in electricity charges for 2021/22 is also an analysis that the City is conducting and we await the results of that, too.

We know that you were disappointed to receive half year service charge estimates from the BEO which were incomplete and this has been fed back to the City. We have told them that there is no use receiving numbers which don't give the full picture.

We are awaiting a date for a meeting to cover all these outstanding issues when we expect to receive the latest service charge estimates for the whole estate for 2022/23.

We will endeavour to get the block by block breakdown on repairs around the same time.

The takeaway from all this is to prepare for another expensive set of service charge adjustments around July for the financial year 2022/23, and we are doing our best to improve the outlook going forward.

We Need a Volunteer

The Barbican Association is seeking a resident volunteer to take minutes at the 4 BA meetings we have per year.

The role is Honorary Secretary and other than the minutes, and emailing them out, the role is not onerous but everyone already active on the volunteer groups is absolutely chokka.

Please contact Adam Hogg chairbarbassociaion@gmail.com if you could volunteer some time.

Healthy Neighbourhood project

You should have received a flyer about an engagement consultation being conducted for a Healthy Neighbourhood project with Islington Council.

The Bunhill, Barbican and Golden Lane Healthy Neighbourhood project is an engagement with local stakeholders to consider prioritising street space for people walking, cycling, and accessing public transport in a comfortable, safe, and pleasant environment.

The City of London Corporation and Islington Council are working in partnership on the long-term future of the Bunhill, Barbican and Golden Lane area. We would like your views on air quality, traffic, local streets and public spaces. This is early engagement to help us develop a plan. There will be further engagement and consultation in the future as individual projects are developed.

The engagement will be open until the 6th March 2023, to take part visit: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/healthyneighbourhood

Beech Street Zero Emission Scheme

You will also have received flyer about the Beech Street consultation. This is about whether we should reinstate zero emission restrictions as a permanent measure to improve air quality. This proposed scheme is a bit different from the earlier experiment. We have had to make changes in response to feedback from Islington Council.

The City of London Corporation would like your views on the future of Beech Street. Between March 2020 and September 2021, we ran a traffic experiment on Beech Street to improve air quality. The experiment restricted polluting traffic from using Beech Street as a "through route" whilst still allowing access for zero emission capable vehicles and for any vehicle that was accessing a property on Beech Street. Since the experiment was concluded most of the traffic has returned to Beech Street and nitrogen dioxide levels have risen.

We are now consulting on making similar permanent measures to improve air quality. The Beech Street consultation will be open until 6 March 2023. To view the proposals or take part in the consultation visit: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/beech-street

Rough Sleeping

Thanks to Common Councillor Helen Fentiman of Aldersgate ward for helping on this update.

The City of London Corporation has launched a public consultation on its new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-27. They want to hear your views to make sure they deliver the best strategy for those who are

homeless or rough sleeping and at risk of being homeless.

Our vision is that when homelessness occurs – or is threatened – the strength of our response ensures it is brief, it does not re-occur, it's impact on the individual and our communities is minimised, and it is prevented where we can act to do so.

The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-27 sets out what we aim to do to ensure those at risk of or experiencing homelessness or rough sleeping in the square mile are supported by our services and delivery partners in a swift, effective, compassionate, fair and respectful way.

After the consultation we will use the feedback to produce a final strategy document, and then create a detailed action plan that will sit alongside the final strategy. That will outline the steps and actions that we will take to enable us to achieve the vision, outcomes and objectives of the strategy, alongside our work with partners to support those at risk of or experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping in the City of London.

Please reply to the consultation on their website: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/housing/homelessness-or-at-risk/homelessness-and-rough-sleeping-strategy-consultation>

In the meantime, please use the Streetlink App or website www.streetlink.london to alert the City to spring into action. The current support the City provide is as follows:

The City of London Corporation is committed to supporting the most vulnerable in our community, this includes those rough sleeping in the square mile by helping them move away from the streets as quickly as possible.

The City Corporation Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Team commissions specialised homelessness services to work with individuals who are identified as homeless and/or rough sleeping in the authority area with the overall aim to reduce rough sleeping number in the City for good.

The City Corporation commissions Thames Reach, a leading homelessness charity to provide the City Outreach Service. The outreach team carries out targeted shifts meeting individuals where they rough sleep. Shifts take place seven days a week and tend to take place in the early hours of the morning or late at night.

The City Outreach team are proactive in their approach, developing their own intelligence on where individuals might be rough sleeping, however they also rely on the national rough sleeping referral line, StreetLink to guide them on where someone might be rough sleeping. www.streetlink.london

If you are concerned about someone over the age of 18 that you have seen sleeping rough in England or Wales, you can use visit the StreetLink website and provide a referral. The details you provide are sent directly to the outreach

service for the area in which you have seen the person, to help them find the individual and connect them to support.

If you would like to know more about the City of London Corporations response to homelessness and rough sleeping please visit: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/housing/homelessness-or-at-risk

Trustee Recruitment

Age UK City of London is recruiting new Trustees and are looking to target those who work or live in the City of London area.

Age UK City of London (AUKCOL) is the charity for older people who live, work, study or volunteer in the square mile. Our focus is on enhancing wellbeing and building social connections so that people can enjoy growing older in this amazing city. Each year, AUKCOL helps hundreds of older people to maintain an active independent life, develop new friends and interests, and make the most of living in the heart of London.

We are looking for a Treasurer, Vice Chair and Trustees with relevant skills or lived experience to join our friendly and engaged Board of Trustees and take an active part in the strategic direction and decision-making of Age UK City of London. Experience of governance work, the charity sector and working with and for older people is desirable.

Trustee:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/cityoflondon/get-involved/board-of-trustees/trustee/>

Treasurer:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/cityoflondon/get-involved/board-of-trustees/treasurer/>

Vice - Chair:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/cityoflondon/get-involved/board-of-trustees/vice-chair/>

If you would like to apply, please submit your CV and cover letter stating why you think you are suitable for the role to callum.burkeodriscoll@ageukcamden.org.uk Interviews will take place on a rolling basis until all positions are filled.



Barbican Association Discount Scheme Participants



FOOD AND DRINK

Barbican Kitchen
 Coq d'Argent
 German Gymnasium
 Fish Market restaurant
 New Street Grill
 Paternoster Chophouse
 Fare
 Fish Central
 The Jugged Hare
 Moshi Moshi Sushi
 Pho Vietnamese
 Cafe/Restaurant
 Stem and Glory
 Vecchio Parioli
 Wood Street Bar and
 Restaurant

HEALTH, BEAUTY AND WELLBEING

Barbican Dental
 Barbican Physio
 Barry's Bootcamp
 City Psychotherapy
 Counselling and Coaching
 Cranio-Sacral Therapy
 Health in the City
 London Eye Optique
 No74 Hair & Beauty
 Personal Training
 Psychotherapy City

LEARNING

Languages

SALES AND SERVICES

Abracadabra Services
 Citi Clean
 Mail Boxes Etc
 Prince of Wales Dry Cleaners
 Urban Locker Self Storage



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CULTURE

Charterhouse
 LSO Live
 Velorose Gallery

FURNISHING

Adams Blinds
 MILK Concept Boutique
 MyDreamKitchen

LEASE EXTENSIONS

Lease Extension Information Evening

We've nailed down the 20th February at 7pm for our next Lease Extension Information session.

We'll hold this fourth session in person in the Lilac Room (under Seddon House).

Some residents are already booked in, and if you'd like to join us, please let me know for numbers (barblifeedit@gmail.com or 078 42 23 52 68).

