

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



*A resident's photomontage showing the estimated impact of the proposal, seen from 5th floor balcony of Willoughby House looking west.*

## IS THIS THE BARBICAN NEIGHBOURHOOD YOU WANT?

### TOWNHALL MEETING 05 JUNE

Please save the date for a Barbican Association (BA) Town Hall Meeting on planning and upcoming development proposals in and around our neighbourhood.

When: Wednesday June 5, at 7pm

Where: St Giles Cripplegate Church, Fore Street, London EC2Y 8DA

Come and join us for a presentation and discussion with a focus on the latest redevelopment proposals for 1 Silk Street, followed by updates on London Wall West and the City 2040 Plan.

The Barbican is London's Grade II listed brutalist masterpiece: Of greatest concern are the latest redevelopment proposals for the Linklaters site on Silk Street, opposite the main entrance to the Barbican Arts Centre, Cromwell Tower and Speed House.

Despite overwhelming negative feedback at three public consultation events and our proactive engagement with the developer for over a year and a half, Lipton Rogers will imminently submit a planning application for two tall buildings of 20 and 21 floors on the site. This over 75- and 80-metre-high continuous

wall of towers will dwarf the world-renowned Grade II listed Barbican Estate with its arts centre and conservatory, and loom over its Grade II\* listed landscape and gardens to the south, and the Brewery Conservation Area to the north. It will fundamentally change the character of Silk Street, turning it into a canyon.

A visionary, prize-winning building is needed instead: one which enhances and responds to its specific setting, complementing instead of competing with the Barbican; a building everyone can be proud of, and perhaps, someday to be listed in its own right.

The anticipated proposals, based on Lipton Rogers' last public consultation in February 2025, will cause substantial harm to our built heritage and residential amenities. It will spoil views of London's iconic Barbican, including the skyline with its trinity of towers and strategic views from further afield.

Please come along to hear about how you can help challenge this plan, and preserve and protect London's brutalist estate from further inappropriate development.

**Jan-Marc Petroschka**

*Chair Barbican Association*

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# THE BARBICAN ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

## CALL TO ARMS



*from left to right) Newly elected BA honorary secretary Dr David Preston along with chair and deputy Jan-Marc Petroschka and Randall Anderson*

The Barbican Association (BA) is a Recognised Tenants' Association, representing all residents of the Barbican Estate. The prime focus of the BA is to serve residents, and to ensure the Estate remains a wonderful living environment. Over the last years there have been many challenges, some relating to the upkeep of the Barbican itself and others, from outside the Estate, involving inappropriate and overbearing developments being proposed, gaining planning consent and being constructed. These challenges are unlikely to disappear in the coming years.

Consequently, the BA needs to be a strong and forceful body. It is important that we have a robust membership; this enables us to truly represent the interests of residents.

Our decision to move off standing orders has led to some people inadvertently dropping off membership. So, if you wish to be represented and to take advantage of the many benefits of membership, we are asking you to please review your membership status

and join or rejoin the BA. Equally if you have neighbours or friends in the Barbican who are not BA members, please use this note to help persuade them to join.

It is easy to join/rejoin by following this link:



## JOIN the BA

<https://barbicanassociation.co.uk/membership/>

or this quicker link:

<https://bit.ly/jointheba>

or you can scan the following QR code:

You will need a credit/debit card to pay the £5 annual fee.

If for whatever reason you seek alternative ways of payment please contact the Membership Secretary for details.

**Dr David Preston**

*BA Membership Secretary*

*[membership@barbicanassociation.co.uk](mailto:membership@barbicanassociation.co.uk)*

# NOTICES

**Willoughby House RTA AGM  
is on Wednesday 28 May 2025 @ 18.30 in the Lilac Room  
(followed by informal drinks in the Wood St bar)**

## GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA (GSMD) PLANNING APPLICATION

GSMD have been asked by the Speed and Willoughby House Committees to share details of their plans over an intention to submit a planning application that will potentially, if successful, introduce air-conditioning units on the roof of part of their building. These units are likely to be immediately below the West Wing of Speed House. This proposal has a potential implication for damage to our residential amenity, especially in terms of noise. In addition, this may have some potential impact from some vantage points for heritage harm. i.e. they may be visible as part of the external features of their building; the Grade II listing attempts to protect from such harm.

As a result, Adam Ferguson, Senior Project Manager for the GSMD, says he will arrange a meeting that with you may wish to put in your diary:

**Tuesday 27th May, 7-8 PM, in Milton Court**

This will include an opportunity for questions (Q&A).

## LEASE EXTENSIONS

### Need More Information?

Barbican Life are planning to continue with a series of meetings (some in person, and some on Zoom) with solicitors in the coming months. Let us know if you are interested and we'll send you invites.

Email: [barblifeedit@gmail.com](mailto:barblifeedit@gmail.com)

If you have questions and don't enjoy Zoom or email, please contact us and we'll share what we know to get you started. Phone: 078 42 23 52 68 or drop in a note with your contact details to 15 Defoe House and we'll call you back.

Search on the Barbican Talk website for "SHARE YOUR LEASE EXTENSION EXPERIENCE" and see what other folks have done.

Check back regularly on [barbicanlife.com/lease-extension](http://barbicanlife.com/lease-extension) and we'll also add important information up there as it comes up



## YOUR BA MEMBERSHIP

### REMINDER TO CANCEL YOUR STANDING ORDER

**Our previous membership system relied on standing orders and cheques, but with our new system, we now accept payment annually by card payments.**

**Please remember to cancel your standing order. If you have trouble paying by card online, feel free to reach out to me, and we can arrange an alternative method when your renewal is due.**

**David Preston, Membership Secretary, [membership@barbicanassociation.co.uk](mailto:membership@barbicanassociation.co.uk)**



# Barbican Association Discount Scheme Participants



## FOOD AND DRINK

3SP Moorgate  
Artillery Arms  
Barbican Brasserie  
Barbican Grill  
Barbican Kitchen  
Bengal Tiger  
Chatora 10%  
Chiswell Street Dining  
Rooms Côte  
D&D London  
Coq D'Argent  
FARE Restaurant + Bar  
German Gymnasium  
Fish Central  
Fish Market  
The Jugged Hare  
Malmaison Bar & Grill  
Mayura Barbican  
Moshi Moshi Sushi

New Street grill

Origin City

Paternoster Chophouse

Pham Sushi

Vecchio Parioli

## HEALTH, BEAUTY AND WELLBEING

Barbican Dental

Barbican Physio

Counselling and Coaching

Cranio-Sacral Therapy

Cubitts Optometrist & Spectacles

Health in the City

London Eye Optique

No74 Hair

Personal Training

## LEARNING

Languages 2000

## SALES AND SERVICES

Citi Clean

Crispins Removals and Storage

Mail Boxes Etc, Barbican

Urban Locker Self Storage

## CULTURE

Charterhouse

Ed Cross Gallery

Hato Press

LSO Live

Velorose Gallery

## FURNISHING

Adams Blinds

MILK Concept Boutique

MyDreamKitchen