



SILK STREET UPDATE

A attack on our heritage and residential amenity – an outsized Silk Street neighbour gains planning consent

The City of London Corporation’s Planning Applications Sub-Committee met at Livery Hall, Guildhall to hear and decide upon one of the most controversial schemes on our doorstep, which attracted just short of 1500 objections.

27 councillors, aldermen and alderwomen, chaired by Tom Sleight, sit in horseshoe configuration. In front of them a heavyweight team of over 20 officers from the City of

London Corporation to present, promote and defend the proposals.

The back of the room is packed to the brim with objectors and, in lesser numbers, the applicants’ team. At the press table sit two reporters, one from The Times and the other from the BBC-funded Local Democracy Reporting Service.

Save THE DATE

THE BARBICAN ASSOCIATION SUMMER PARTY

Saturday, 12th September, 2–4pm, St Giles’ Cripplegate



Before the meeting even starts, councillor Marianne Fredricks proposes a motion to defer the case due to inaccuracies in the submission. How could one make an informed decision on wrong and incomplete information? The motion is defeated.

Officers present wide angled computer-generated images, floor plans, elevations, and verified before and after views. Much is made of the ‘activation’ of the ground floor with the passage from Ropemakers and the stamp sized ‘plaza’ opposite the Barbican’s Silk Street entrance. Regarding the loss of daylight and sunlight, officers claim an appropriate condition was maintained, the loss acceptable. The low level of harm to heritage was outweighed by public benefit: the significant amount of Class A office space, public realm, cultural, hospitality and community offer.

The Silk Street Campaign team has ten minutes to counter. Robin Pembroke and Laurence Quinn deliver a sterling performance, carefully choreographed:

- This is the wrong building in the wrong place.
- The building will irreparably damage City heritage and cultural sites.
- More than 100 homes will suffer up to 70% reductions in daylight and visible skyline.
- The balance of harms outweighs the benefits.
- All benefits could be delivered by a smaller, less damaging building.
- The design has been widely condemned by leading professionals.
- There is a better way.

Councillor Jacqui Webster continues the argument with an impassioned speech about values – not just value. She cites London Wall Place as an example where the developer and architects worked together to get to the best outcome.

On the developer side, Gary Moore from LaSalle Investment claims that funding is in place to start and deliver the project. Stuart Lipton commends his 22 Bishopsgate behemoth and other achievements in the City. We are a sensitive and responsible developer, he says. Then the Guildhall School of Music and Drama’s principal sings his praises and gives an encore after Tom Sleight invites to hear more about the promised cultural space.

Questions and clarifications to officers are followed by statements by committee members in favour or against. Alderwoman Liz King’s second motion for deferral is defeated by 17-10. Finally, the chair summarises and readvertises the benefits of the proposed development, a prime site for a major global occupier. It was a perversion to use the Barbican totemically as a yolk to hold back a building just next door that would revitalise the City. Strong language.

When the committee moves to a decision, members vote to grant planning permission by 16 in favour to 11 against. A blow, though not unexpected. While planning meetings do not allow audience participation, this did not stop the objectors to voice their incredulity at the decision with raw outrage.

Yes, these proposals are harmful, they deliberately steal light and privacy. There is no need to oversail the public realm and narrow the gap between buildings; or to place commercial terraces opposite bedrooms and studies. This is an outsized building, developed not within, but despite the context in

So much for improving privacy



which it sits; and despite the clear harm to conservation areas with their listed buildings, and its residents, whether in the Barbican or Heron Tower. This development is needlessly harmful. The site and its neighbours deserve a better building.

The 1 Silk Street campaign team is now taking soundings on potential next steps.



You can watch the whole hearing online, please scan the QR code below or follow the link <https://bit.ly/4uhcm7W>



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Dear All,

We were all naturally very disappointed with the outcome from the Planning Committee last week. As a campaign team we find it shocking that the City would vote for such a clearly harmful scheme, despite such overwhelming opposition.

We've met to discuss our next steps and our priorities are now:

- 1. to lobby for the **best possible conditions** agreed about the construction process, and how the building would be operated, to minimise impact on residents.*
- 2. to take **legal advice** on whether we have a strong enough case to formally appeal the decision making process through judicial review. This will ensure that if we were to incur significant extra cost and effort to oppose the plans that we believe we have a strong case.*
- 3. to help those among us who would have their **legal right to light** breached by the development organise effectively in negotiations with, or action against, the developer.*

****IF YOUR FLAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY RIGHT TO LIGHT ISSUES** please make yourself known to silkstreetdaylightactiongroup@gmail.com as soon as possible**

We continue to talk to our elected representatives about other routes open to us to influence the development in light of the approved plans.

We will keep you updated of the outcomes of the above. Thanks again for your support in the campaign.

Thank you.

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Your Barbican Discount ID: Now Available Digitally

The Barbican Association has now introduced a Digital Membership card. If you have a smartphone, you can now download and use your BA membership card in Apple Wallet or Google Wallet.

To download your digital card, please scan the QR code or follow the link <https://bit.ly/4e7VBpK>

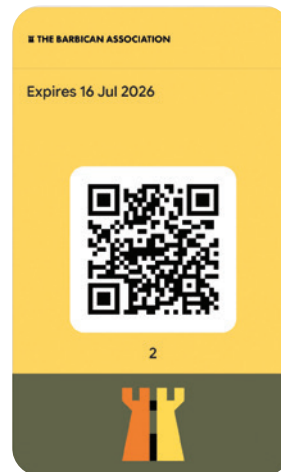


You will notice two Barbican Association Discount Card formats shown here.

1 The **current card**, featuring a Barbican photograph, remains **valid until your annual membership comes up for renewal**. If you have a card like this you can continue using it as normal at all participating outlets until that renewal date. There is no need to replace it early, and discounts remain unchanged.



2 Alongside this, the Barbican Association has introduced a **new card format**, which is now being rolled out on membership renewals. This new design applies to:



- all **new physical discount cards issued**, and
- the **new digital membership cards**.

In other words, when you renew your Barbican Association membership, any newly issued physical card will follow the **new design**, and you will also have the option to use the **same format digitally** on your smartphone.

In the renewal process, you will have the **option** to skip the physical card and just use the digital version on your smartphone.

Both formats represent the **same entitlement**. The Discount Scheme itself has not changed, and participating shops and cafés have been advised that:

- existing physical cards with the background photo remain valid
- the new format is official
- and digital Discount IDs should be accepted in the same way as physical cards

If you do not have a smart phone, you will be unaffected by the new digital card and at renewal of your membership

you need to tick the relevant box to say that you want a physical card.

The Digital Membership card has been introduced for both environmental and financial reasons, saving some of the Earth's resources and the BA money that can be better spent elsewhere. However smart phone users who do still want a physical card can do so by the method above.

If you prefer a physical card, you can continue to have one. If you like the convenience of a digital ID, you can choose that instead – or have **both**.

We hope all members enjoy the new look design of both cards and that members with a smart phone appreciate this new addition to the membership scheme.

A small update, designed to make a well loved scheme simpler, clearer, and future proof.

Helen Hudson
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New Login System

Some pages on barbicanassociation.co.uk are intended for BA members only or have extra features which are only available to members. For example:

- You can download your BA membership digital card at <https://barbicanassociation.co.uk/my-card> (see the article 'Your Barbican Discount ID: Now Available Digitally' or more info)
- You can browse and search through the minutes of BA meetings at <https://barbicanassociation.co.uk/minutes/>
- You can use a shorter, easier version of the ASB Reporter <https://barbicanassociation.co.uk/anti-social-behaviour/reporter> (see next article for more info)

When you try to access some of these pages you might be prompted to log in:

Member Login

This login is for current Barbican Association members.

You must use the **same email address you registered on MemberMojo** to receive your login code.

Not a member yet? [Learn more and sign up here.](#)

Email Address

Send Code

Login is simple, with no need to write down or remember any passwords. Use the same email address you do with MemberMojo. A temporary code will be sent to your email address.



Simply enter this code on the website when prompted and you will be logged in for 30 minutes. As you enter the code, you'll also be given the option to stay logged in for 30 days. The 30-day option is more convenient, but you should only select it if you're using a computer you own (and not on a PC in the library, for example). This helps to keep your account secure.

THE BARBICAN ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

Join with either of these links: <https://barbicanassociation.co.uk/membership/> <https://bit.ly/jointheba> or you can scan the QR code:

Dr David Preston
BA Membership Secretary
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JOIN the BA

Simpler ASB Reporter

The BA have made it easier to report anti-social behaviour on the estate. The form is now much shorter and simpler and will take less time to fill out. For BA members who are logged-in, there's no need to enter your name, email, address, or telephone number. As a result, a form which previously had 17 fields and checkboxes is now down to as few as 3.

Logged-in BA members can also now see a record of all the reports they've made:

Your reports

Most recent first. Click a row to expand it and see the incident details.

| Incident | Category | Status | Reviewed |
|-------------------|----------------|--------|------------------|
| 09 Jun 2026 03:29 | Pending review | New | Not yet reviewed |
| 09 Jun 2026 03:05 | Pending review | New | Not yet reviewed |

Reporting as Chamberlin, Powell and Bon
Your contact details are already known from your membership record, so you only need to enter the incident details below.

Incident details
Please do not include personal data, such as names or home addresses of witnesses or perpetrators, in your report.

Date: Time:

Description
What happened
Where (block, floor/level, walkway, lift, podium, car park)
Who was involved (how many people, how would you describe them)
And anything you have already **done** about it
The more specific you can be, the more useful the report.

Please do not enter unnecessary personal information. 0 characters (aim for at least 100+)

We hope this makes it easier than ever to report and help raise awareness on incidences of anti-social behaviour across the estate. Please do report any incidents you witness. Gathering these data help us better understand emerging problems, represent your concerns, and have more productive and informed conversations with the BEO and City of London Police.

Tony Croot, Thank You

Until the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in April 2026, Tony Croot was the Honorary Auditor of the Barbican Association, and the Chair of The Barbican Tuesday Club.

At the AGM, for recognition of his long and high-quality service to the BA, Tony became the BA's only Honorary member. He was a long-term resident in Bunyan Court, latterly living in Tudor Rose Court.

Tony sadly died on the 31st of May, and the BA extends our sympathies to his family and friends.

House Groups

Staying engaged at the local level is one of the simplest and most effective ways to feel part of the Barbican community. Houses have their own groups - some run email lists, others use WhatsApp or web platforms - and you're warmly encouraged to join in, whatever your level of involvement. You can take an active role by joining your House Group, or simply sign up to receive updates and stay informed about local issues, events, and neighbourly news. Even occasional participation helps keep communication strong and ensures your block remains connected, supportive, and well-informed.

You can find the contact details for your House Groups on the Barbican Association website at barbicanassociation.co.uk/about-the-barbican-association/whos-who/ or scan the QR code.



Rejoicing , Rebuilding and Renewing

This year St Giles' Cripplegate celebrates 60 years since its rededication following extensive damage during World War 2. To mark 60 years of serving our community we are inviting you to us join for two weeks of celebration starting on Sunday 30th August through to Sunday 13th September 2026. Themed Rejoicing , Rebuilding and Renewing we will bring together our communities for a wide range of fun and interesting events that reflect our faith, our place in the local community and our service to those who live, work, study and spend their time in the parish. As we look forward to the next 60 years come and join us and find out more! For more information, please see our website, follow us on Facebook and Instagram, look out for leaflets or just pop in, our doors are always open. <https://www.stgileschurch.com/>



We Need You

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:

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

or this quicker link:

<https://bit.ly/jointheba>

or you can scan the following QR code:



JOIN the BA

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

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If you are not already a BA member, make sure you join the Barbican Association to qualify as with most of those organisations listed below, just one visit will more than cover your annual BA membership subscription cost.

Local businesses wishing to participate and offer a discount or other incentive to BA members should contact Helen Hudson on **07842 23 52 68** or by email to barblifeedit@gmail.com for further information.

Please check the Barbican Life website for the latest discounts.

BARBICAN ASSOCIATION DISCOUNT SCHEME PARTICIPANTS

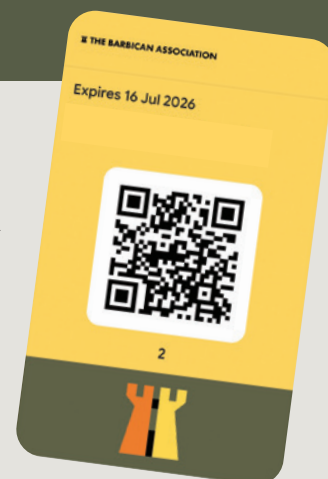
A list of organisations offering discounts or other incentives to Barbican Association members

FOOD AND DRINK

3SP Moorgate
Artillery Arms
Barbican Grill
Barbican Kitchen
Bengal Tiger
Chiswell Street Dining Rooms
Coq d'Argent
Côte
The Evolv Collection
German Gymnasium
Liverpool Street Chop House
Orrery by Pierre Minotti – **NEW**
Paternoster Chophouse
Sartoria Liverpool Street
FARE Restaurant + Bar
Fish Central
Hat & Feathers
The Jugged Hare
Malaysia Boleh – **NEW**
Malmaison Bar & Grill
Mayura Barbican
Moshi Moshi Sushi
Origin City
Origin City Farm Shop
Pham Sushi
Vecchio Parioli



OR



HEALTH, BEAUTY AND WELLBEING

Barbican Dental
Barbican Physio
Cranio-Sacral Therapy
Cubitts Optometrist & Spectacles
Health in the City
KClinics – **NEW**
London Eye Optique
No74 Hair
PEMFIT – **NEW**
Personal Training

LEARNING

Languages 2000

SALES AND SERVICES

Citi Clean
Mail Boxes Etc, Barbican – **UPDATED**
Urban Locker Self Storage

CULTURE

Charterhouse
Hato Press
LSO Live
Velorose Gallery

FURNISHING

Adams Blinds
MILK Concept Boutique
MyDreamKitchen



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