

City Surveyors Department Issues

Officers from the City Surveyors Department have provided the following updates:

13. Barbican Occupiers Users Group

The Barbican Occupiers Group met on 11 August to specifically consider plans of each level of the Barbican campus where custodianship responsibilities had been plotted to seek feedback from the various stakeholders in order to clarify these responsibilities.

A number of suggestions were made and the plans are now being amended and will then be distributed to the user group. A further meeting of the group has been set for 13 October 2011.

At officer level the Comptroller and City Solicitor is co-ordinating and investigating the Podium surface water issues with particular reference to the area above Virgin Active.

14. Crossrail

Works commenced in November 2010 in the Moorgate area to prepare for the demolition of 91/101 Moorgate. There are temporary closures of footpaths in Moorgate and Moor Place with alternative footways being maintained whenever possible.

The City of London are preparing a response to Crossrail's ground settlement questionnaire regarding the Barbican Estate, this will cover common parts, common services and public areas. An update on discussions at the joint Crossrail / City of London Officers Property Group will be given at the forum.

Work continues and there are however three new developments:

A lorry holding area has been created adjoining in London Wall - managed by Environmental Services

Request from Crossrail for assistance with the construction of three special over site development piles - managed by the City Surveyor.

Developing situation, Crossrail require additional space for the service shaft works and are in discussions with Environmental Services to close Moor Place for the duration of the project/build.

15. Barbican Arts Centre Cinema Relocation

Barbican Cinema relocation is currently out to tender. Work is programmed to commence October/November this year.

Fringe Redevelopments

16. Frobisher Crescent

Out of the 69 flats 57 have been sold, 5 are reserved and 1 has exchanged leaving 6 flats to be sold.

The treatment of the Sculpture Court has been provisionally agreed and should consist of low maintenance “hanging” gardens and the discussions included a resident representative from Frobisher Crescent.

17. Milton Court Redevelopment

Cladding now being fixed to the exterior. Work progress remains on schedule – a 137 week construction period with practical completion due first quarter 2013.

18. Moorgate Telephone Exchange

It has been reported that this site has now been sold to MGPA, who it is understood intend to implement the planning consented office scheme.

19. St Alphage House

Planning and Transportation 27 June 2011 resolved to grant planning permission.

20. Roman House

A planning application for residential use has been submitted (refurbishment and extension to provide 90 flats), but has not yet been determined.

21. Public Lifts Serving the Barbican Estate

The down escalator at Moorgate went out of service on the 28 July following a major breakdown. Due to the cost of the repairs checks have been made with Crossrail with regard their current programme to ensure that the escalators at this location will still be required for a significant period. Crossrail have indicated that they will still be required until 2013 so an instruction has been placed with the contractor, Kone to repair the down escalator. The procurement time of the specialised parts mean that the work is not expected to commence until the beginning of October. Kone are doing their best to

improve this and once commenced it is anticipated that the repairs will be completed within a fortnight.

22. Willoughby Ramp Storage

Nothing further to report.

23. YMCA

A report is to be presented to the September 2011 meetings of the Barbican Estate Residents' Consultation and the Barbican Residential Committees proposing action in respect of the YMCA lease expiry.