



Resolutions from the Annual Wardmotes

To be presented on Thursday, 7 April 2011

To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

The Resolutions from the Annual Wardmotes are set out below for the consideration of the Court:-

From the Ward of Aldersgate

- (a) We note that Film London has a Code of Practice entitled "Location Filming in London" and that the City's Film Unit was consulted on this code and has signed up to it. We see that the code has a section on consulting local residents and businesses and refers to "a fair consultation process". The Barbican Estate Office did not consult residents about the recent filming. We were merely informed that it would happen on certain dates. This Wardmote notes the above and asks:
- (i) that in future the Estate Office should fully consult on a timely basis the residents, relevant House Group and elected Members on filming proposals it feels may be appropriate; and,
 - (ii) that the Estate Office fully accounts for the fees that it received as a result of the recent filming to the Residents' Consultative Committee and the Barbican Residential Committee.

From the Ward of Aldgate

- (b) That concern be expressed about the lack of library facilities in the East of the City near the border between the Ward of Aldgate and Lime Street Ward. The Corporation is urged to ensure that adequate library provision is made in this area to meet the needs of this growing business district.

From the Ward of Broad Street

- (c) The question of idling taxis continuing to emit diesel fumes whilst waiting in the ranks, the problems of over-ranking, creating longer queues were all discussed but it was noted that attempts by the Police to prosecute drivers for over-ranking had failed in the Magistrates Courts and this problem would only increase with the forthcoming Olympics and the development of Crossrail. It was, therefore, resolved that this matter be referred to the Court of Common Council in order that both the Police Committee and the Planning & Transportation Committee might

consider ways in which a reduction of taxi and bus fumes around the station might be achieved.

- (d) Following the Wardmote of 2010 a Resolution was sent to express the Ward's very great concern about the state and condition of Throgmorton Street. At the Wardmote held on March 11th 2011 the same matter was raised by Ward voters and tenants of buildings in the Street emphasising the appalling state of the road but also the added impact on the street scene of the crash deck erected to prevent pedestrian injuries from windows falling from 125 Old Broad Street. It is now understood that all windows will be replaced by external workings but that there is no contract yet signed for the work to begin, that no method statements have been completed, that works are expected to start at the end of this Summer to be completed by September/October 2012. As a consequence there is no intention to do anything to the state of the road which is now worse than last year. The continuing state of degradation of Throgmorton Street which lies within the Bank Conservation Area is a disgrace and a very poor advertisement for the City of London. As one tenant has written "I pay to be in this location and cannot contemplate remaining in my current office if this unsightly and intrusive scaffolding is to remain in place for another year".

Can the Grand Court of Wardmote therefore confirm:

- (i) That Hammerson PLC as owner and developer of 125 Old Broad Street will be required to expedite the works with all speed to ensure removal of the crash deck. In addition a timetable of urgency will be given to them requiring a contract to be signed for no delay in the commencement of works with penalties for late completion to be payable?
- (ii) That on completion the carriageway and pavements will be reconstructed immediately ensuring that no utility company has plans to dig up the newly laid surface, emergencies notwithstanding, allowing for Throgmorton Street to be restored to a quality commensurate with the locality?

From the Ward of Candlewick

- (e) Notwithstanding the efforts of the City of London Corporation and the challenges, the current situation with regard to road works and road closures in the City is unacceptable. Better forward planning, public consultation and information is required to avoid traffic congestion and public disruption. Consideration should be given, in particular, to the construction of roads and underground services so that repairs can be made without repeatedly digging up the road surface.

The Grand Court of Wardmote echoes the views expressed by the Wards of Broad Street and Candlewick on the need to have various road works and street repairs and improvements completed in a timely and organised way.

From the Ward of Castle Baynard

- (f) Noting the recent public consultation by the City Corporation on future licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEV), the voters in the Ward of Castle Baynard wish to add their voices to those calling for a NIL limit to be set in view of the inevitable proximity that any SEV within the Ward would have to residents, places of worship, the Shoe Lane Library, St Bride's Institute and other educational establishments but also across the City and would like to know what the City Corporation will be doing to ensure that such a policy is adopted?

From the Ward of Cheap

- (g) That concern be expressed at the continuing lack of Post Offices within the Ward of Cheap and neighbouring Wards. The Corporation is again urged and requested to ensure that adequate Post Office facilities are provided throughout the City.

Further, that concern be expressed at the lack of post boxes within and outside the Ward, especially in Cheapside.

From the Ward of Portsoken

- (h) “That the plans for a public square connecting the church of St. Botolph-without-Aldgate to the Sir John Cass’s Foundation Primary School and associated traffic calming measures be brought forward for the safety, enjoyment and recreation of the public and the enhancement of the east of the City.”
- (i) “That the City of London be asked to recognise the specific issues affecting Portsoken, being its most deprived Ward. The City Corporation should ensure the continued and improved provision of essential community focussed services. In this respect the continued provision of library, health and related services was paramount.”
- (j) “That the Ward Policing Team be thanked for its excellent work on both estates and throughout the Ward in achieving extremely low crime figures throughout the year.
- (k) “The Wardmote expressed its concern at the number of recurring issues to do with maintenance, upkeep and management of the Guinness Trust Estate, including:
- (i) the length of time taken to implement the decent homes standard;
 - (ii) the management of the Estate and the absence of effective on-site estate management;
 - (iii) the lack of resources applied to the upkeep and maintenance of the Estate;
- and,
- (iv) problems of security in relation to third party access;

and it was resolved that the City of London be asked to apply pressure on the Guinness Trust to address this concern and failing it being addressed to take over the management of the Estate to bring it up to a standard acceptable for an estate within the City boundaries.”

From the Ward of Tower

- (l) This Ward is opposed to the location of SEVs within its environs and within the City of London as a whole. They are not suitable in a youthful environment and one would not wish to have to explain to a child the purpose of such premises. They denigrate the life and honour of the City. The clientele will not promote the safety of women working late in the City. We ask that the Court of Common Council promote a ‘Nil Limit’ being imposed on the number of SEVs permitted in the Ward of Tower and we would support a ‘Nil Limit’ in the Wards of the City generally.

(n.b. If resolutions from other Wards are received subsequent to this, they will be reported to the next available Court but the issues raised will be referred to the

relevant Committee(s) for consideration without delay)