

Resolutions from the Annual Wardmotes

To be presented on Thursday, 23rd June 2016

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 Bishopsgate

“That the Grand Court of Common Council do consider the provision of further facilities for the charging of electric cars within the City of London in general and in particular within the Ward of Bishopsgate.”

From the Ward of Broad Street

“That, at the last Wardmote very great concern was expressed regarding the level of litter and blocking of pavements from smokers and ‘vapers’. The litter and blocking of pavements from groups of smokers causes much disturbance to local occupiers, especially those in the area local to New Broad Street.

The City of London Corporation is therefore asked to confirm:

1. What action will be taken to ensure that litter (especially from smokers) will not accumulate on pavements?
2. What action will be taken to raise the awareness of smokers to the prohibition on littering the streets and to discourage them from blocking pavements when smoking?
3. That the City of London Police will be encouraged to use its powers under environmental legislation to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to litterers.

From the Ward of Candlewick

“That the Planning and Transportation Committee be asked to improve the arrangements for access to St Swithin’s Lane such that the bollards controlled by N M Rothschild on behalf of the City of London Corporation are raised only in times of high alert and that when they are raised they are physically manned so that access is clearly available to those visiting other businesses in St Swithin’s Lane.”

From the Ward of Cheap

“That once again great concern be expressed at the serious lack of Post Offices within the Ward of Cheap and within the City generally. The Corporation is strongly urged to continue its efforts to ensure that adequate Post Office facilities are provided throughout the City.”

From the Ward of Farringdon Within

“This Wardmote deplores the City Corporation’s lack of progress in addressing the problem of night-time noise and disturbance to residents of Cloth Fair, which was the subject of a resolution passed at our Ward Mote twelve months ago. In particular, we are concerned that, following consultation with residents and other local stakeholders, a paper to the Streets and Walkways Sub-committee setting out a proposed solution was withdrawn, without discussion, following a representation from Smithfield Market. We recognise that the interests of residents and businesses can at times be difficult to balance, but consider that on this occasion longstanding residential concerns are being ignored. We therefore urge the Planning and Transportation Committee to undertake, as a matter of urgency, to find a solution whereby neither taxis nor market vehicles need to access a narrow residential street in the middle of the night and can use instead more suitable space available in West Smithfield and around the Market itself.”

From the Ward of Farringdon Without

“The electors of the Ward of Farringdon Without place on record their opposition to the decision of the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee held on 22 February 2016 to make experimental Traffic Orders under section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, so that Tudor Street at its junction with New Bridge Street is closed to motor vehicles, Bridewell Place is returned to two-way traffic and contra flow cycling is removed from Kingscote Street and Watergate.

The electors wish to place on record their concerns about the serious impact this decision will have on access and egress to the Temple, the heart of the legal profession within the ward, and the risk to the health and safety of all road users and pedestrians in the area.”

From the Ward of Portsoken (i)

“That this Wardmote requests that the City of London enquire as to why the drafting of the planning consent in respect of double glazing works at Mansell Street Estate was not robust enough to enable the City to use legal means to protect the residents from noise and dust impact during structural demolition and construction.

This Wardmote further requests that the City of London provides recommendations to ensure that, in future, the wording of planning documents is robust enough to enable, when necessary, the City to use all appropriate legal means to protect residents from unnecessary nuisance caused by demolition and construction.”

From the Ward of Portsoken (ii)

“That, as road closures in the Ward of Portsoken have become intolerable with all traffic adversely affected, especially the buses on which residents and workers in the Ward rely, can the City confirm it is engaging world class traffic management consultants to keep traffic moving in this world class city.”

(N.B. Following their consideration at the Grand Court of Wardmote, these Resolutions have informally been referred to officers of the relevant Service Committees, so as to assist them in responding without delay following their formal consideration by the Court of Common Council and its relevant Committees.)