

**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:52 am

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**Cc:** Alistair Subba Row

**Subject:** The proposed City of London Courts and Police station complex Fleet Street planning application

Alastair Moss,  
Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee, The City of London.

Dear Chairman,

Last week I had the privilege to accompany the Lord Mayor around the Fleet Street Quarter. The purpose of the visit was to meet a number of businesses which had opened to serve the local business community.

The tour took us along Fleet Street , Ludgate Hill and Carter Lane where a number of properties remain boarded up. Today is an important day for the Fleet Street area. Before your committee are proposals for a significantly important development of a brand new Courts and Police complex. The Fleet Street Quarter Partnership has received a presentation on the scheme and written to express its full support.

As Chairman of the Partnership I wanted to reiterate just how important this scheme will be to the local economy. Some 30 years ago the newspaper industry left Fleet Street leaving behind iconic City buildings which became the home to Freshfields, Deloitte and Goldman Sachs. Today those buildings are empty once again having reached the end of their internal life. Each property own oils planning to refresh their buildings and your committee has approved some of those schemes.

In all there are approximately a dozen schemes planned for the Fleet Street area totalling over 2 million square feet of commercial floorspace. These schemes are all due to commence over the next few years leaving Fleet Street empty of commercial life except for construction workers. The establishment of the Fleet Street Partnership has sought to bind those building owners along with local occupiers to provide a clear vision for the future of this area. We will deal with the construction years and attract new talent to the area by providing exciting schemes in this area of the square mile.

The City Courts and Police station is the first of these schemes and will be an important catalyst for other schemes and inward investment. The Courts scheme is innovative, inclusive and comes with great sustainability credentials. Most importantly it is a crucial piece of the next chapter in Fleet Street's history.

The Fleet Street Quarter Partnership Board meet today to progress our initiatives for the future of the area. We are working closely with the City Corporation on a number of levels especially the return to the office given the ongoing lifting of restrictions.

The proposed Courts scheme has has our full support and we very much hope that the application will be approved today.

Yours sincerely,

Alistair Subba Row  
Chairman,

The Fleet Street Quarter Partnership.