



Walbrook

Moving Bank Junction – Forward!



As you will be aware, following the recent trial of traffic restrictions at Bank Junction, the restrictions became permanent in September 2018. The scheme restricts the users of Bank Junction on weekdays, 7am-7pm, to pedestrians, bicycles and buses. In terms of what it has achieved:

- The number of vehicles using the Junction in this 12 hour period has reduced by over 2400% since the trial started
- Casualty numbers across a wide area around Bank have reduced by over 25%
- Air quality and environmental improvements have also been recorded

But what now? Well, options for further improving Bank Junction are progressing to make it even safer, feel less crowded, less polluted and enforce it as a place for people at the heart of the City. The Planning and Transportation Committee has now looked at three of these options, broadly as follows:

- Option 1: to keep current vehicle movements
- Option 2: to reduce the current vehicle movements to 2 or 3 routes across the Junction
- Option 3: to virtually remove vehicle movements and create a full pedestrian scheme

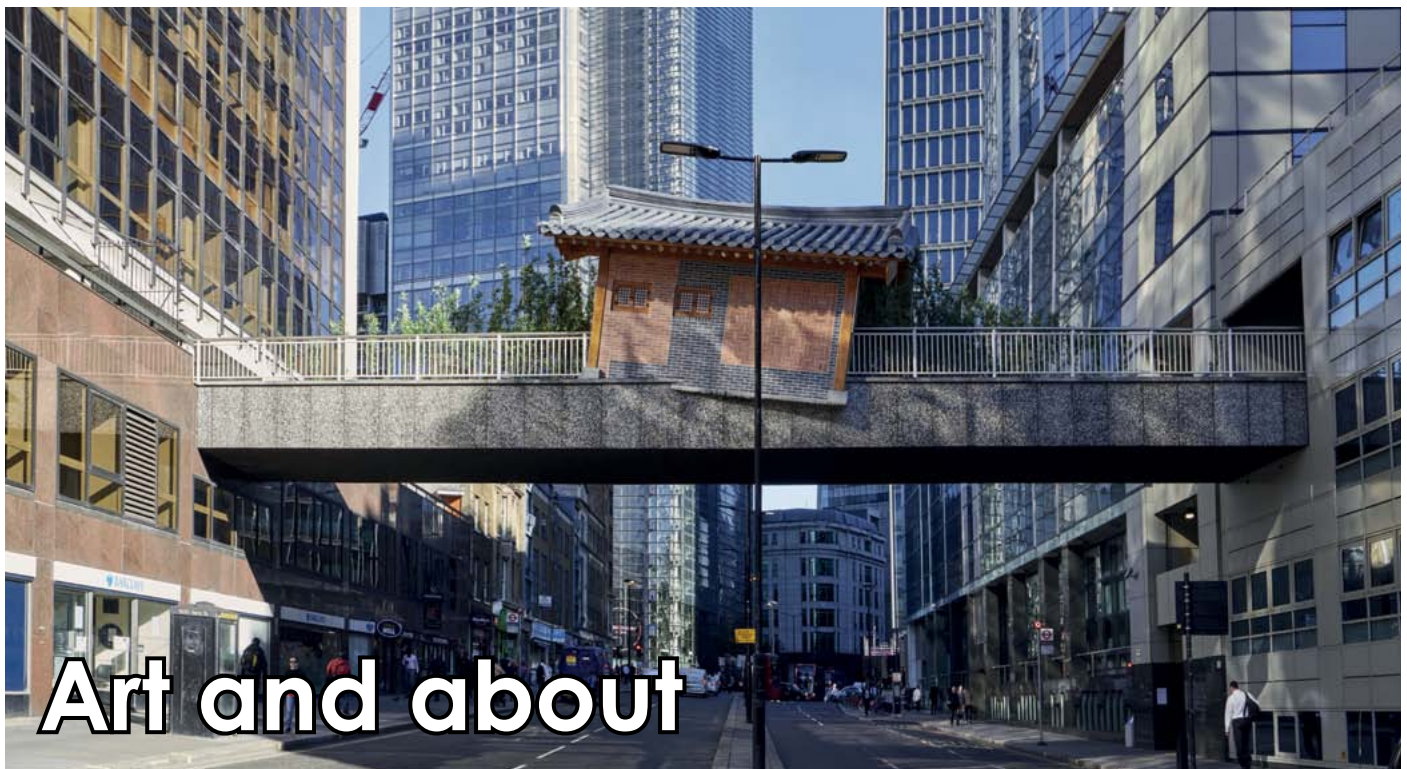
The Committee has agreed to move to Option 2 but with the long-term vision of potentially moving to the full pedestrianised scheme. Option 3 involves getting agreement with other bodies, such as TfL buses, and has to be linked with the Bank Station improvements due for completion in 2022. It may, therefore, take some time to achieve.

In developing Option 2, there will be a period of Public Consultation (probably in mid-2020) on the pros and cons of which routes across Bank Junction should be kept open. The involvement of those working, living and travelling through Walbrook Ward will be encouraged. This process, in itself, is likely to take some time.

So, consideration is being given to early improvements such as widening footpaths and improving safety around Bank. Bartholomew Lane is one such area where diverted traffic conflicts with pedestrians at its junction with Threadneedle Street. Concern about this was raised by a voter in the Ward with Peter Bennett. Liaison has taken place with the relevant Highways people and an experimental solution is to be trialled shortly.

Your Ward representatives, John Garbutt, James Thomson and Peter Bennett, remain committed to closely monitoring the development of the Bank Junction Scheme, to ensure the range of interests in the Ward are fully considered. We would encourage you to contact us with your thoughts so that these can be fed into the consultation process.

Peter Bennett



Art and about

The ninth 'edition' of Sculpture in the City returns to the Square Mile at the end of June.

Each year the exhibition showcases contemporary works from internally renowned artists across the City's public spaces. Sculpture in the City is free and accessible all year round. It is delivered by the City

of London Corporation in partnership with Aon, Aviva, Beaumont, Bloomberg, British Land, Brookfield, CC Land, Generali, Hiscox, Nuveen Real Estate, Tenacity, Tower 42 and Twentytwo.

Image shows Bridging Home by Do Ho Suh, who responded to the migrant history of the

East End and the City with this ambitious commission installed on the footbridge over Wormwood Street. It is a to-scale replica of Suh's childhood home, a traditional Korean house.

More information
sculptureinthecity.org.uk
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Status check

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. It's free to apply to the scheme.

Except in a few cases, you need to apply if:

- you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen
- you're not an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, but your family member is
- The EEA includes the EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

This means you need to apply even if you:

- were born in the UK but are not a British citizen – you can check if you're a British citizen if you're not sure
- have a UK 'permanent residence document'
- are a family member of an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen who does not need to apply – including if they're from Ireland
- are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen with a British citizen family member.

If your application is successful, you'll get either settled or pre-settled status. The EU Settlement Scheme is open.

You can apply now if you meet the criteria. You will need to be living in the UK before it leaves the EU to apply. You do not need to apply if you have indefinite leave to enter the UK, indefinite leave to remain in the UK or have British or Irish citizenship (including 'dual citizenship').

The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families



One door closes...



Snow Hill Police Station will close this summer almost 100 years after it first opened.

It has been home to many police and support teams since 1926. At present, finance, HR and Community Policing teams are among those based there. The building, owned by the City of London Corporation, is an underutilised asset and in need of much modernisation. As with many police forces in the UK, the City of London Police

continues to face budgetary constraints, and after a review of its policing footprint in the City, the decision was taken to close this station.

The City Police and City Corporation are working together on an ambitious plan to build a state-of-the-art police station and court complex near Fleet Street. This space will be designed to house the various teams needed to deliver a cohesive modern policing service for the City's communities.

Following the closure of Snow Hill, the nearest City of London Police station will be Wood

Street, a 1-minute walk away. You can also continue to report crimes online or call 101 or 999 in an emergency, or reach us via our website [cityoflondon.police.uk](https://www.cityoflondon.police.uk)

The level of service the City Police offers the City's communities will not be affected by the closure and if you have any concerns or issues you wish to raise in relation to it, please email community@cityoflondon.pnn.police.uk

All charged up

Three brand new fully electric vehicles are joining the City of London Corporation's fleet, bringing the organisation a step closer to realising its goal of being the first authority to run a fully zero-emission fleet.

The EV80 will help the City Corporation deliver some of its key services across London. The vehicles will service the Barbican Library in the Square Mile, the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium in Manor Park and the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre at Heathrow Airport.

The EV80 is the first fully electric vehicle launched as part of Heathrow LDV's range of commercial vehicles. It boasts



a 120-mile range on a single charge and, thanks to its high-capacity lithium battery, can be fully charged in less than 90 minutes.

The vehicles, which are Ultra Low Emission Zone compliant and designed for urban driving, are already being used by delivery and utility companies,

together with selected city councils across the country.

The vehicles are fitted with an award-winning Brigade Quiet Vehicle Sounder and white noise reversing rear for enhanced pedestrian and cyclist safety. Full driver training will be provided to City Corporation staff by the team at Heathrow LDV.

In April this year the City of London Corporation awarded a pioneering new tech-driven waste collection, street cleansing and ancillary services contract to Veolia – covering the Square Mile. As part of the contract, the City Corporation aims to become the first authority in the UK to run a fully electric fleet of Refuse Collection Vehicles.



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Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls
Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School
Finance Committee
Capital Buildings Committee
Housing Delivery Programme Working Group (Chairman)



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Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee
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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

One in a Hundred!



Helen Evans is such a lady. She was recently sponsored by the Ward of Walbrook, by Deputy James Thomson and

Common Councilman Peter Bennett for the Freedom of the City.

Nothing too unusual in that, except that Helen was one of the 100 women granted the Freedom of the City as part of the celebrations of the Centenary of Female Emancipation.

A "century of women" connected with the City has been honoured with the Freedom – with Walbrook Ward putting forward Helen for her long service to the Community as an Advice and Wellbeing Manager based at Toynbee Hall – www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Helen, originally from South Wales, was delighted to receive the honour. She said, "It's not often that workers in the community get recognition and I am delighted to receive the Freedom on behalf of all my hardworking colleagues".

Extinction Rebellion in the City – Deputy James Thomson

I have the honour and privilege of being Deputy Chairman of the City of London Police Authority Board. As you know, London policing was put under some pressure recently by the Extinction Rebellion protests. Whilst largely outside of the City, the protests did affect the Square Mile and the City of London Police were very much involved in a pan-London policing operation.



Extinction Rebellion descended on London for 2 weeks of 'non-violent direct action' and concentrated their efforts on the City of London on Thursday 25th April. The protests directly affected Bank Junction in the heart of the Ward as well as several other parts of the City.

Initially, in the early morning, a small number of protesters glued themselves to the front of the Stock Exchange on Paternoster Square, and a further group had glued themselves to the rear entrance on Newgate Street. This caused significant disruption to the Stock Exchange and the rest of the community. They were all removed by specially trained Protestor Removal Teams and were arrested on suspicion of aggravated trespass and criminal damage.

By the time of the early morning rush hour, 300 protestors were seen on London Bridge, making their way to the City and conducted 'swarming tactics' at nine locations in the City and a further group had glued themselves to the carriageway in Fleet Street. All protestors were removed and arrested for obstructing the highway.

In the early afternoon, 400 people 'swarmed' Bank Junction, causing a great impact to the traffic flow around the City and to people going out on their lunch breaks. By mid-afternoon, Bank junction had returned to normality and a further group of protestors were arrested for breaching the conditions imposed earlier under the public Order Act.

In total 40 arrests were made in total on the day in the City.