



## CANDLEWICK WARD TEAM

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An update from your Common Councillors  
**CHRIS BODEN & JAMES ST JOHN DAVIS**



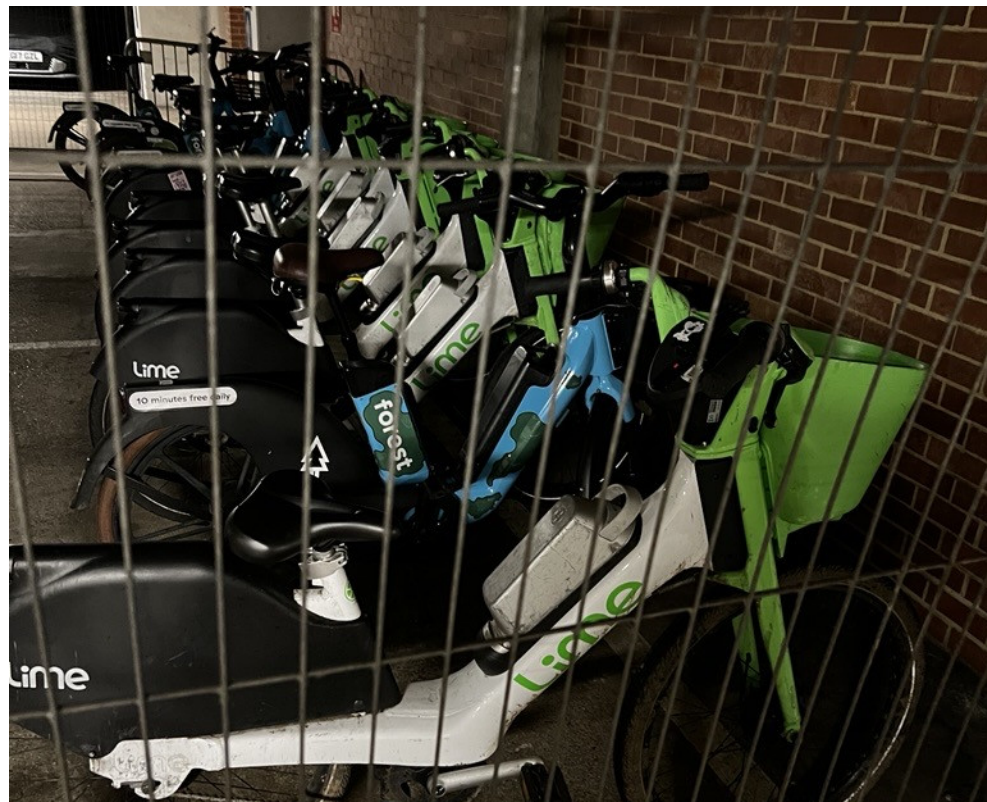
# New Ward List

This month, the annual revision of the list of voters for City of London elections was published. You have received this newsletter because you are one of the 312 voters entitled to vote here in Candlewick Ward.

Your Candlewick Ward Team, Chris Boden and James St John Davis, have been producing and

distributing frequent newsletters to all those on the Candlewick Ward List for almost four years, keeping local residents and businesses up to date on developments in our local area and our work at Guildhall.

These newsletters are produced by the Candlewick Ward Team at no cost to the public purse. If you (or anyone else you know) would like to receive future editions of the Candlewick Ward Team newsletter by email or if you would like to contribute to a future edition, please let us know at: [candlewickward@gmail.com](mailto:candlewickward@gmail.com)



## Dockless E-Bikes

**Following the set-up of our City-wide reporting tool for badly parked or abandoned e-bikes, the Corporation has undertaken on-street action to remove e-bikes from our streets and pavements, where they have been found to obstruct or cause an immediate danger to others.**

During the course of this month, more than 100 bikes were confiscated, to encourage hire operators to manage their own fleet and customers to comply with good parking behaviour. Seized e-bikes were stored in a safe location for 24 hours, before the providers were able to collect them for a fee, to cover the cost of removal and storage.

The City Corporation already has these agreements in place with hire operators around where people should park bikes, but in response to a continued disregard for these agreement, we decided to introduce our own clean-up campaign, to reduce pavement obstructions caused by poorly parked bikes.

We have allocated an additional 300 parking spaces for e-bikes to help users park safely and considerately. We are pleased that both Lime and Forest have committed to improve their service, with Lime also launching a safe riding campaign to promote responsible cycling and adherence to the Highway Code.

## King William Street Project Update

**Most of this major project's newly-widened footways and kerb works are now complete and we are grateful for your patience during the disruption of the first phase. Road sealing work between Abchurch Lane and Sherborne Lane should be completed by the end of this month.**

The northern side footway works will, in early March, be finalised up to the church. Whilst the project is currently on track, there have been some supply chain issues with the



specialist Yorkstone paving, so the very final stages of the work may suffer what we hope will only be a slight delay.

Entry treatment works will necessitate a weekend closure of the Sherborne Lane junction on 8th/9th March and a weekend closure of the Abchurch Lane

(East) junction on 15th/16th March. There will be a full closure of King William Street and associated side roads from Monument junction to Bank from 7pm on Friday 16th May to 6pm on Sunday 18th May so that the whole road can be resurfaced. We know there's been a lot of disruption, but the final result will be worth it!

## Monument Junction

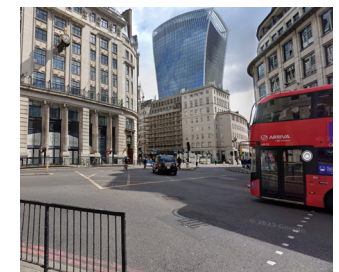
**We are delighted to be able to confirm that TfL will shortly be launching a local consultation on the much-lobbied for improvement scheme for Monument junction.**

For those of you who haven't followed the project, the junction itself is the responsibility of TfL, not the City of London Corporation, which has meant the Candlewick Ward Team has had to engage extensively to get this long-overdue work done.

The junction of Cannon Street, Gracechurch Street, Eastcheap and King William Street is one of the busiest and most complicated road junctions in the City. We often have to scurry

between overcrowded pavements and central pedestrian refuges, whilst rush hour cyclists in their hundreds, especially travelling to/from London Bridge, all too often have to take their life in their hands as traffic travels between the five arms of this all-too-often congested junction.

The proposed new layout has taken many months of design, and Chris Boden and James St John Davis, as your local elected representatives, were pleased to work with TfL to contribute to evaluation of the design towards its final stages. The proposed new design is massively safer for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users, particularly for wheelchair users. There will be formal crossings at every branch of the junction, pavements and central pedestrian refuges will be wider and cyclist safety will be enhanced.



We'll let you know in a future edition of this newsletter when the public consultation will open and trust you will support this important upgrade. Given the importance of the junction, the works will need to be done whilst keeping the junction open - as a result, these works will take around 18 months to complete. The improved junction will be fit for purpose for decades to come, and will be a vast improvement on what we currently have to put up with.



# Bank Station Development Site/ 10 King William Street

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**The blue hoardings next to the new Cannon Street entrance to Bank Station have already been in place for far too long, defacing the street scene in King William Street, Abchurch Lane and Cannon Street.**

We are pleased however that the building works are now properly underway following a recent stumbling block over 'right to light' negotiations.

Whilst all other nearby building owners reached terms with the developers over 'right to light' compensation using a well-established formula, the owners of one vacant office building failed to do so. The impasse was sufficiently unreasonable to justify an application for the empty office block to be compulsorily purchased. As your local councillors, we supported this action earlier this month by the Planning and Transportation

Committee because, otherwise, the building of the new office block and ground floor facilities in the area currently behind the blue hoardings could have been further delayed by five years or more. A Compulsory Purchase Order is an extreme final remedy to resolve property conflicts, but in this case, we judged that the wider public good justified taking this step.

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## 20 March Election - Postal Vote Application

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**You are entitled to vote by post if you prefer, rather than to vote in person at this year's Candlewick Ward Election to be held on Thursday March 20th at St Mary Abchurch.**

The deadline for applying for a postal vote is March 5th, and the details of how to apply are set out on the website: [www.candlewickward.org](http://www.candlewickward.org)

If you work in the City, you can apply for your postal vote to be sent to your home or your work address, as you wish. The deadline for applying for a postal vote for this year's election is 5pm on Wednesday March 5th. If you'd like any assistance in applying for a postal vote, please contact us at: [candlewickward@gmail.com](mailto:candlewickward@gmail.com)

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## Get in touch

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Should you have any questions or issues you'd like to discuss in relation to the Ward of Candlewick, please do get in touch.

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