

SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NETWORK
Core Group meeting at the Anchor Tap – Monday, 7 January 2008

Present: Anna Hollingsworth
Jilly Frisch
Julian Griffiths
Anne Lynn
Michael Place

Apologies: Michael Church
Penelope Tay
Pat Varney

1. Environment Protection Team

Bill Legassick, Leader of the Environment Protection Team [REDACTED] briefed the group on the work of the Environment Protection Team and distributed the Draft Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2008-2010 Version 1, an Application for the review of a premises licence, a specimen sheet for a Diary of Disturbances. He encouraged the use of the Diary sheet as a means of documenting persistent noise, the sheet can be downloaded from www.shadthames.org

STRA had recently participated in two conciliation meetings – for undue disturbance noise from the Dean Swift, and prior to a license hearing for the Most Café Bar – both instances had proved to be a useful and more informal means of communication between the premises and local residents. It was noted that if a conciliation meeting did not achieve the hoped for outcome the next step would be to apply for a review of the premises licence.

2. Most Café Bar application to extend licensing hours to 2.00am

Bill Legassick reported on the results of the hearing at 10.00am on 7 January, where his colleague Alan Blissett had attended on behalf of the Environment Protection Team. The sale of alcohol and late night refreshment could be until 1.00am Fri and Sat; with opening hours until 1.30pm. The remainder of the days the sale of alcohol would be until 23.00pm, and opening hours until 23.20pm. Live music could be until 23.00pm each day.

Several conditions had been applied, such as: the terrace would be cleared of customers by 11.00pm each day, except Sundays when this would be 10.30pm; the front door of the bar to remain closed during the performance of licensable activities; no new admissions after midnight on Fri and Sat; all music to be subject to a sound limiter device, the level of this would be set in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Team. (The Team would like to have the name of a willing local residents in close proximity to the Bar who would be willing for the Team to monitor the noise from the Bar before finally setting the sound limiter device. JF would contact one of the residents in the Anchor Brewhouse who might be willing to cooperate on this.) The Bar would arrange to meet local residents each quarter. The results of the hearing are on the STRA website www.shadthames.org **Action: JF**

JF reported on her attendance at the hearing. The Licensing Officer said that the Corporation of London, not Southwark Council, had leased Portland Wharf to the applicant, therefore the complaint about the leasing of this key site for commercial purposes should be taken up with that body. If STRA approaches the Corporation of London it would be useful if Southwark Council is copied in on any correspondence, as it might be useful background material if any questions arise in the future. **Action: JF**

3. Shad Thames local area

It was hoped that the ongoing discussion with Southwark Council regarding the Shad Thames newsagent's continued breach of conditions, such as blocking the pavement with air conditioning units, display stands and A boards, and most recently installing flashing blue lights outside the premises could be brought to a conclusion. This was proving difficult as it is likely that more than one department is involved. MP said he would take this up again with Kirk Williams, Enforcement, and JG would continue to pursue it with Dennis Sangweme. It might also be useful to involve the Conservation Team, and to check whether Planning Enforcement were fully aware that their instructions were not being followed. **Action: MP JG**

4. Closure of the TSTBCA bank account with Lloyds TSB

Regretfully, this was still outstanding. [REDACTED]

██████████ This is now extremely important and urgent, not only because the funds might have gone astray, but also because the current Tooley Street T&RA believed that STRA were still holding their funds, even though STRA has not touched the funds for around two years. **Action: JG PT**

5. STRA bank account with Natwest

The Treasurer reported that formalities for opening a STRA account with Natwest had not yet been completed. He reported that as soon as the account was operational Pat Varney would arrange for a cheque from the ABO fighting fund to be paid in, and a sum was awaited from the Southwark Film Unit for filming in the area. **Action: MP**

6. Berkeley Homes

JF reported that she had not yet written to the BH Chairman regarding a possible meeting with the core group, as she had not been able to establish who this person was for the area. Meanwhile, AB had discovered the name of the BH Site Manager for the Coach Park work. JF would contact this person to ascertain if he would be in a position to discuss BH and Southwark Council's plans for the whole site. JF said she was also waiting to hear from Nick Stanton as to when he might be in a position to brief STRA further on the overall plans for the site. **Action: JF**

6. Community Terrorism Questionnaire

Upon the request of The Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team, Rotherhithe Police Station, a questionnaire was completed on what measures the local community would like to see the police taking on the prevention of terrorism. It was suggested that a member of the Team be invited to a STRA meeting in the near future. **Action: JF**

Subsequent action

JF subsequently spoke to Sgt Rob Andrews, of the Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team, who agreed to attend a future STRA meeting, possibly the next one on Monday, 4 February.

He mentioned if STRA would like to be represented at the quarterly Ward Panel meetings held at the Tower Bridge Hilton. Currently, a person living at Tea Trade Wharf attends from the Shad Thames area. The Ward Panel sets the main focus of Riverside police work for each coming three months. The next meeting is around mid-March and he would ensure STRA is invited.

7. Rembrandt's Bar Restaurant

It was reported that Rembrandt's Bar were advertising for lap dancers. One of the key contacts at City Hall was writing to Network Rail to ask if the conditions for the lease of the property to Rembrandts remained the same, ie no lap dancing allowed on the premises. Developments will be monitored. (Subsequent note – Rembrandt's Bar also have premises in Manchester, so it might be that the lap dancers are required for that location).

8. Next meeting – Monday, 4 February 2008 at 7.15pm either at the Anchor Tap or Browns, location to be confirmed.