

# SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NETWORK

Core Group meeting at the Anchor Tap – Monday, 6 October 2008

**Present:** Jilly Frisch  
Julian Griffiths  
Anna Hollingsworth  
Anne Lynn  
Nick Napier  
Michael Place  
Penelope Tay

**Apologies:** Pat Varney

## 1. Refurbishment of Tower Bridge

Paul Monaghan, Principal Engineer, and Roy Tyler, Project Liaison Officer, City Surveyor's Department, City of London attended the meeting to follow-up on any issues which might have arisen as a result of Peyeroy starting work on Bridge. The Core Group said that the preparatory work going on had not caused undue disturbance, but if problems arose when the sand-blasting got underway STRA would be contacting Roy Tyler, the Project Liaison Officer.

STRA would send a copy of Simon Hughes' letter to TFL regarding re-routing of traffic via London Bridge or Southwark Bridge and exemption of the congestion charge for the period the Bridge would be closed, and the possibility of providing a ferry service across the river. STRA would also ask Simon Hughes if details of the survey via his website could be provided to the City of London. **(Action: JF)**

Roy Tyler would let STRA have some revised dates for the work, as the dates mentioned in STRA's note of the Open Meeting held on 7 July 2008 needed amendment.

It was agreed that Roy Tyler would attend the STRA core group meeting on Monday, 5 January 2009.

## 2. Consultation meeting with Berkeley Homes/Southwark Council/Michael Squire & Partners

The following is a list of points which would be taken up at the forthcoming consultation meeting on Wednesday, 15 November 2008:

1. What is the latest news on securing an "iconic" building for the site ?
2. What incentives are being offered, such as a sliding scale of reduced rent for the first five years ?
3. Is it likely that the City of London site next to the Bridgemasters House could be taken into the development ?
4. Hopefully building will not be right up to the boundary with the Park ?
5. How will the Park survive if it is completely shaded by the buildings ?
6. Confirmation that the campaniles will not contain accommodation units above 10 or 11 storeys.
7. Wood cladding on buildings does not look good after a year or so – is it planned to use wood, if so, will measures be in place to maintain it ?
8. Will the service charge of the flats include a regular sum which will go direct to the PFPMT to cover the benefit of tenants having the Park on their doorstep, and to provide extra park maintenance ?
9. Will tenancy agreements include the usual conditions ? (such as, only plants or garden furniture on balconies, no washing to be hung on balconies or in windows, no notices or hoardings in windows or on the building, no noise after 11.00pm, no items to be left in the common areas, like bikes, prams, etc.)

## 3. Open Meeting, Monday, 10 November 2008

JG had invited Eliza Mann, Mayor of Southwark, and Tim Walker, Controlled Parking Team Leader, JF would invite Nick Stanton, Lead Councillor. As the debate around parking was likely to be popular it was decided to ask Nadia Broccardo, the Director of the London BID to attend the next Open Meeting, to allow her more time to speak. It was also agreed that JF and MP would briefly talk about forthcoming activities on Potters Fields Park.

It was agreed the meeting would start at 7.30pm and close by 9.00pm, with the bar open from 7.00pm. It was agreed that STRA would cover the cost of the £50 charge by the Bridge House, since the bar

takings had been low at the Open Meeting related to Tower Bridge. JF to draft the notice about the meeting. **(Action: JG JF MP)**

#### **4. River Clean-up**

Thames21, a conservation group, had initiated a St Saviours Dock Clean-up event on Sunday morning, 3 August 2008, the contact person had been Alice Hall [REDACTED] (*telephone number available from STRA*). Another group for under-25s had also organised something similar. STRA would try to find out more about such initiatives and offer support wherever possible.

#### **5. Riverside Ward Panel**

JG had attended the September Ward Panel meeting where it was reported that car break-ins had increased, sometimes due to motorists leaving evidence of GPS' being left in the car.

#### **6. Possible breaches of licences**

It was decided to make Southwark Licensing aware of:

- The Most Café Bar – the owner had not arranged the quarterly meetings with local residents; music is being played while the door is open (e.g. at 10.45pm on Sunday, 5 October 2008); people are being admitted later than the agreed last time for admittance (e.g. at 12.40am on Friday, 3 October 2008)
- The River Bar – tables, chairs and A-boards are frequently blocking the Tower Bridge Road pavement, and a window shelf erected on the Queen Elizabeth pavement where smokers could leave glasses prevented pedestrians from walking past.
- The Dean Swift –the terms of the conciliation meeting were not being adhered to, e.g. undue late noise from people drinking outside after 9.00pm. **(Action: JF)**

#### **7. STRA website**

JG demonstrated features on the website, and the core group were given the login and password, in anticipation of the core group adding items to the website. The strapline "*Giving residents a voice*" was agreed.

#### **8. Next meeting of core group – Monday, 3 November 2008 at 7.15pm at the Anchor Tap**