

SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NETWORK

Core Group meeting the Anchor Tap - Monday, 13 July 2009

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

Apologies: Anna Hollingsworth
Pat Varney

1. Lovage licensing application 827857

Lovage has applied to have the following conditions **removed** from its licence, briefly:

- 122 – no person under 14 shall be in the bar, etc.
- 109 – alcohol shall not be supplied on public holiday
- 139 – no temporary event notice shall be made
- 340 – all doors and windows to be kept closed
- 341 – an SIA registered door supervisor be employed
- 840 – CCTV installed
- 841 – no glasses or bottles allowed outside the premises
- 842 – no patrons allowed outside the premises after 2200

After discussion the Core Group decided to oppose the application, as the removal of these conditions would cause nuisance and disturbance to local residents. Of particular significance is the removal of condition 139 – if a temporary event notice is obtained it will allow the premises to hold events at any time without any condition. Also, allowing glasses and bottles outside, and after 2200, will cause particular nuisance to local residents. The application is particularly disturbing as just 2 or 3 years ago the premises were the subject of a licence review and undoubtedly these conditions were imposed to protect local residents. The STRA Network would be informed and asked if they wish to support STRA's objection.

2. Potters Fields Park

It was noted that dog excrement is becoming a problem in the Park, JF reported that plastic bags and bins are in the process of being sited on the park. Garbage bins in the Park are frequently overflowing. The strip lighting along the second step are just too bright, they obscure anything untoward that might be going on in the Park, as it is impossible to see into the Park from the Riverside walk, and one almost needs sunglasses to walk past them. The strips should be changed for a much lower voltage.

3. Riverside Parents and Carers Group

The Group has again taken up what they consider to be Potters Fields "Design Problems", briefly, they would like to see some fenced in space where small children can play. As St John's Park is likely to be refurbished in the near future it was hoped that this could meet some of their requirements. The core group felt that it could not support fencing off part of the park. It was likely in any case that the Park may change to some extent when the Berkeley Homes development gets underway. JF would pass the comments of the core group to the RPC and to PFPMT.

4. The Don

It was noted that the Don had withdrawn their licensing application, and it was understood that they would now operate as a wine bar – but this would be checked with the Licensing Team. One local resident congratulated STRA on alerting local residents to the Don application. The Planning unit had advised that the premises had been given three weeks to remove their illuminated signage – the three weeks had one further week to run. JG is monitoring the situation.

5. Burglaries in Shad Thames

Due to a tip-off from a local resident in the Wheat Wharf area Riverside police had been successful in catching a burglar who was a serial offender, and who is now back in jail. The Police appreciate the assistance of local residents in cases like this, even so, it is generally frustrating as the sentences for petty crime, such as burglaries, are short and the offenders are usually back on the street within

weeks, doing it all over again. Local residents were nonetheless urged to be vigilant. Information on where to report burglaries, etc. is on the STRA website.

6. Garbage around London Bridge

Team London BID to be advised that attention needs to be paid to the over-flowing garbage bins around London Bridge, especially at weekends.

7. Igloo and Divine Newsagent

It was noted that Igloo has resumed trading. It was also noted that the newsagent display was becoming very "tatty", particularly with their handwritten notices advertising beer for sale, it was planned to ask them to smarten things up a bit.

8. Most café and bar

While the outside area looked fine, A-boards were frequently blocking the pavement. It was planned to ask them to make sure these were not placed on the pavement.

9. Code of Conduct

As the Code of Conduct was one of the questions raised at the last Open meeting, it was hoped that Pat Varney would be able to attend the 7 September 2009 meeting so that a discussion could start on how to take the Code of Conduct forward. It was clear that this would need a concerted effort from the Core Group. The Code is on the website, but would need some updating.

10. Q-parks, Gainsford Street

Several blocks of flats use Q-parks as their designated car parking space, but as it seems to be rather poorly run JG would seek input from residents who use the parking house to see if some concerted action might be taken to improve things.

9. Local deals for local residents

The Network to be advised of local deals by email. One idea could be for the Network to receive an email each month giving them links to the STRA website, or telling them of the latest news/deals, etc.

10. Fire precautions

A note to be included on the website to remind everyone about fire alarms, and giving a link to the Fire Department.

11. Improving communication

The "who does what" issued as part of the core group notes of the 13 June 2009 was agreed.

12. Next meeting – Monday, 7 September 2009 at 7.15pm at the Anchor Tap