

# SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NETWORK

Core Group meeting at the Anchor Tap – Monday 7 September 2009

**Present:** Jilly Frisch  
Julian Griffiths  
Nick Napier  
Michael Place  
Penelope Tay (part-time)

## 1. Lovage Indian Restaurant

The Licensing hearing on 24 August 2009 decided that the following conditions would be **removed** from the licence:

109 (parts a to d, and i to x) except "e" that alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during permitted hours, etc.

122 no person under 14 shall be in the bar, etc.

139 no temporary event notice shall be made with relation to these premises

341 that a SIA registered door supervisor will be employed

and the following conditions would be **modified**:

340 that all doors and windows are to be kept closed, except for ingress and egress, after 2200

840 that CCTV with a 28 day recording facility is installed and maintained at the premises at all times that members of the public are permitted access to the premises

842 that no patrons are allowed outside the premises after 2200 with the exception of those who temporarily leave to smoke and then numbers are limited to no more than 6 at any one time.

The main issue is that the premises now has the possibility to apply for a temporary event notice which might mean an escalation of noise if large events take place. The situation would have to be monitored, and no doubt the the Circle residents group would be doing this.

As usual, any appeal against the decision should be lodged within 21 days – STRA did not intend to appeal.

## 2. Shad Thames area

NN reported on items which Southwark Public Realm were working on related to the Shad Thames streetscape refurbishment/clean-up, summarised in the following feedback from Southwark after a "walkabout" in the area, viz –

*a. The removal of the Neighbourhood Watch signs, rationalisation of the street metal work issues around bollards, poles with no notices on, possibility of putting lighting on buildings and getting defective lighting replaced (Queen Elizabeth St, Gainsford St, Lafone St) and opening and closing of the bollards.*

*A program of works to replace a number of defective street lights within the area are scheduled to commence September and a lighting and signage site visit to review all street furniture with a view to rationalisation will be conducted. Attaching lights to buildings would need to be worked through with the building owners and an agreement reached so that if ownership changes there is an assurance the items remain attached.*

*The keys used to access Shad Thames are with the managing agents who are responsible for the opening and closing of them. We will be inviting the agents to a site visit and reminding them about the agreed access times. The Wardens have been asked to see if there is a possibility of painting the bollards through the Community Payback scheme.*

*Parking Enforcement contractor should be enforcing the location daily and visit the street Shad Thames at least 8 times during the day and Shad Thames has been visited three times a day between 11:00 to 16:00 between Monday to Saturday from 1st Jan to 31st July 2009 showing a snap shot of the enforcement activity.*

*b. Cigarette litter and shop frontages - The Enforcement Team regularly undertake operations for cigarette litter in this area around one per month and the wardens are also active in this area. Wardens will investigate the littering and educate those responsible via leaflets and fixed penalty notices. They will also pay*

visits to local businesses to give out stubbies (portable ashtrays). The markets team have visited the area and are monitoring the obstructions.

**c.** *Cleaning and issues with dumped rubbish o/s 9B colonial wharf.*

The Area Cleaning Manager has assessed the levels of service for Shad Thames and has said that this area is very clean and that the dumping outside 9b Colonial Wharf has been investigated, the area is and will continue to be monitored frequently and if there is a need to increase the sweeping provision then this will be picked up through the monitoring of the area.

**d.** *The process of progressing the idea of making Queen Elizabeth Street no entry from Tower Bridge Road in order to stop traffic using that route as a short cut to avoid the traffic lights at Tower bridge Road and Tooley Street.*

As you know this is a TfL route and I am meeting with the Network Manager from TfL this week and will raise this with him.

**e.** *Pruning of trees in Curlew Street*

Works to prune the trees in Curlew St has been scheduled for August this year.

**f.** *The constant repairing of broken paving & damaged bollards and the standard of repairs.*

Shad Thames and surrounding roads have a narrow width. With 2-way traffic flow, most of the vehicles in the opposite direction do mount the pavement to negotiate each other. The existing footway materials are not designed to take vehicular traffic load hence the regular damage/repairs and bollards being erected to physically prevent vehicles from mounting the footway.

The issue of workmanship is monitored by the Area Engineer/technician and where it is found that the standard is not reached, the contractor will receive a financial penalty and will be required to make the repairs good. The public can also report such matters to Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 020 7525 2000 and the specific job will be investigated. The possible solutions to this would be to create a one way system. A case would have to be made and consultation carried out with local residents and businesses.

**g.** *Raising issues with the London Bridge Bid Team to see whether they could help ensure Shad Thames was represented and benefited from wider initiatives they were following up on - specifically litter, streetscape and cleaning, paving and street furniture.*

In the past the BID has been receptive to Shad Thames issues, I will be meeting with Shane Clarke who is now their operations manager in the near future and will raise this issue with him.

**h.** *Nominating a single point of contact at Southwark regarding all council related Shad Thames issues that you would like to raise and monitor with the Council along with recruiting more street leaders.*

The Customer Service Centre is the main point of contact for general issues and can be reached on 020 7525 2000. I am available as your point of contact for issues that fall under the remit of the Environment and Housing Department and will be happy to continue to liaise with you over related issues.

**i.** *Initiating a survey of the whole area to address those issues that you could through statutory means. As mentioned before i will be happy to meet with you for another walkabout. The teams i have tasked to deal with your concerns will however meet on site and survey in line with our obligations.*

**j.** *Lighting on Butlers Wharf Our senior lighting engineer is aware of the lights and has confirmed they don't belong to Southwark and they are fed from within Butlers Wharf, China Wharf and Tea Trade Wharf and are as per your correspondence maintained by Whyte, Druce and Brown.*

This issues has been on-going for some time, each time we have contacted the management company they state they are aware of the issues and have actioned repairs.

We are unable to do as we might do in other circumstances ie fix and charge or request as an authority for the them to be repaired and maintained as the lights/festoons are purely decorative and therefore are not a safety issue. The actual lights would not cost much to repair but to repair them would require a secure

scaffold to be erected so that the repairs could be completed which, would be rather more expensive than the repair itself. **(Action: NN)**

### **3. Butler's Wharf**

NN reported that White Druce Brown had confirmed that the managing agents for the individual blocks along Butler's Wharf are responsible for the lighting and cleaning in front of their respective blocks. **(Action: NN)**

### **4. Open Meeting**

The next **Open Meeting would be at 7.30pm on Monday, 9 November 2009 at the Bridge House.** Des Waters, Head of Public Realm, and Jabeen Ayub, Area Officer for Bermondsey and Team Leader for the north of the Borough, would be invited to speak on the update/clean-up. **(Action: JG JF)**

### **5. Meeting with restaurants along Butler's Wharf**

The STRA Core Group agreed to organise a meeting with the restaurants along Butler's Wharf. This had been suggested to Cantina by Southwark's Licensing Unit. As the request for a meeting had come through Jonathan Baldrey, Butler's Wharf, it was agreed that he would be asked to be present as well. **(Action: JF)**

### **6. Code of Conduct**

This needs to be taken further. JF agreed to simplify the previous Code to a more simple one-page document, she would also try to get some involvement from the relevant Southwark Council Director. After this one or two designated persons will need to spend some time taking it forward with local businesses and residents. It was noted that this was likely to be raised again at the Open Meeting. **(Action: JF)**

### **7. Filming**

MP would follow-up filming on Tower Bridge with Southwark's Film Office, as it seems that the recent evening/night filming and closure of Tower Bridge had been cleared by the City of London, without any consultation with Southwark or local residents. **(Action: MP)**

### **8. Noise around the Dean Swift and LSE**

Late night noise and disturbance around the Dean Swift and LSE has been reported in some detail by one resident close to the area – although, generally, the Dean Swift noise seems to have been "fair" over the summer. STRA would contact the DS Landlord to again try to establish a way of dealing with the situation. While it is definitely sympathetic to noise disturbance STRA is aware that unless substantial evidence is well documented a licence review was likely to be unsuccessful. **(Action: NN)**

### **9. PFPMT**

The Core Group would like to see the PFP Annual Report, and hoped it would show the balance between income from events and costs, such as salaries, planting, etc; as well as a future strategy for the Park.

A local resident had asked the PFPMT to review the arrangement of having a Chief Executive and a large number of events, suggesting fewer events and no full-time Chief Executive – the Core Group felt that it was important to have a Chief Executive but that possibly a more commercial view of events needs to be taken.

It was felt that efforts should be renewed to find an independent Chairman – ideally, a local person with some "status", who would be keen to work closely with the Chief Executive and to pay more attention to the interests of local people.

Notice Boards on the Park should display more information about events, and should be updated weekly, as it seems that several events had taken place which were not included on the Notice Boards. Enquiries were also made about the proposed community events, e.g. 5 November fireworks, and Christmas tree/carols.

The Thames Barrier Park could well be an inspiration for PFP layout/planting, even though it was a much bigger park. **(Action: JF)**

#### **10. STRA Network**

JG distributed a list of network members and which areas/blocks of apartments were covered. This would be updated by Core Group members as it would be a key tool when disseminating information, e.g. about Open Meetings. **(Action: JG)**

#### **11. Crime**

The Riverside Ward Panel warned that an increasing number of bicycles are being stolen in the area, and suggested that both a D-lock and a wire lock are used to secure bicycles. This could be an item which could highlighted on the website and emailed to the network. **(Action: JG)**

**Next meeting:** Monday, 5 October 2009 at 7.15pm at the Anchor Tap