



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY?

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LORD MAYOR'S BUSY SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN

The Lord Mayor, Alderman William Russell, has already started his travels around the UK and internationally. Leeds and Manchester were first on the list. The Lord Mayor said

"It is with good reason that I started with these two cities. Greater Manchester has the second biggest financial centre outside London, joint with Edinburgh. Leeds, meanwhile, offers businesses access to a highly-skilled workforce of 1.4m people, with seven million within an hour's drive. As well as hosting a strong financial sector, it is home to the UK's leading professional services hub outside of London, and internationally renowned technology, healthcare and manufacturing firms. Both are key hubs in the City Corporation's UK strategy, which is focused on increasing inward investment and utilising London's strengths as a global gateway to help local firms export their products and services." He has also visited Northern Ireland and Belfast.

Thereafter he visited Belfast and as this goes to print he has just been in San Francisco and Mexico City.



THE CITY OF LONDON Who, What, When, Why?

The Master's compilation of City articles is now available in book form.

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LONDON'S SECOND TALLEST SKYSCRAPER GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

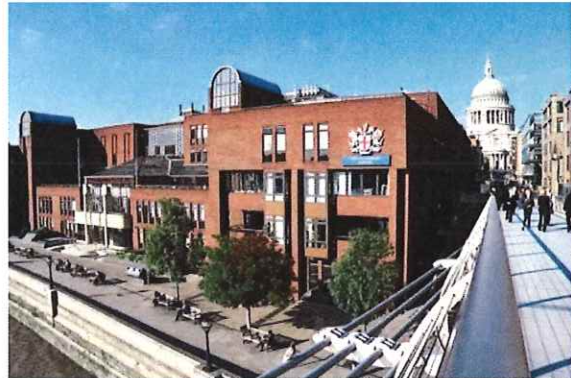
Just when you thought they have finished building the City another skyscraper gets planning permission to be built. The site at 1 Undershaft where currently stands the former Commercial Union building (now Aviva Tower) is now the subject of a positive permission to build a 305m tall skyscraper. The "Trellis tower" will be 2.1m shorter than the Shard with 6,500m² of office space spread across 74 floors. Designed by Eric Parry it has divided opinion and Historic England are concerned about the impact on the skyline and the views of the Tower of London in particular.



THE CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL

The City of London School has been recognised by The Sunday Times in their guide, 'Parent Power', as London Independent Secondary School of the Year 2020.

Earlier this year, the School recorded the best GCSE results in its history. Across almost 1,400 entries taken by 137 pupils, 94.7% of grades were at 9, 8 or 7 (i.e. A*s or As, under the old grading system); 79.8% of grades were at 9 or 8, and 54.9% of entries received the top grade of 9. As well as academic achievement the school is a beacon for social mobility, its students recruited from across the capital and reflective of its social and racial diversity.



FIRST ZERO EMISSION STREET IN LONDON?

The City of London Corporation agreed on 16 December to back plans to launch the UK's first 24/7 zero emission street in a bid to improve air quality in the Square Mile.

Beech Street, much of which runs under the Barbican Estate, is now expected to be restricted to zero emission vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians by Spring 2020, pending final approval by Transport for London (TfL).

Exceptions will be provided for emergency vehicles, access to the car parks off Beech Street and for refuse collection and deliveries. Bus route 153, which is fully electric and runs down Beech Street, is unaffected by the changes. If you drive to the Hall you might want to check your route in case you inadvertently stray and get fined!



GOING VEGAN— LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR FUNGI EATERS

Illegal commercial foraging in protected woodlands for fungi and other natural delights can damage the habitats. The City of London Corporation oversees various open space and seeks to protect them from misuse. Epping Forest is one such area and has been targeted by commercial foraging gangs.

The Forest, on the edge of London, boasts more than 1,600 fungi species across 2,428 hectares (6,000 acres). While picking wild mushrooms for personal use is acceptable and permitted in most parts of the country, fungi foraging in the protected woodland is not. Commercial operations are illegal. The City of London Corporation has warned that Epping Forest's biodiversity is threatened by foraging gangs that harvest huge numbers of fungi with the aim of selling them on. Please go and visit Epping Forest but as they say take only photos and leave only footprints.

