

Air and Noise Pollution

With increasing concerns over the levels of air pollution in the City and across London as a whole, urgent action is needed to address this important issue. Air and noise pollution in our Ward arises from a number of sources including building works, traffic congestion and engine idling.



I have facilitated meetings and liaised with officers at the Corporation to help address specific noise-related issues in our Ward. I have instigated spot checks in areas where excessive noise and pollution levels have been reported. I have ensured notices have been sent to stakeholders to raise awareness. I have highlighted the need for signage, including ensuring that a current application for 17 City-wide no engine idling signs included key locations in our Ward.

If re-elected, I will continue to pursue measures to address air and noise pollution in our Ward.

Safety of all Road Users

Road safety is of escalating concern in light of the numbers of reported injuries and fatalities across the City. More must be done to improve safety for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists.



The number of recorded accidents at the junction of Newgate Street with Warwick Lane makes this one of the most dangerous places in the Ward for a pedestrian or cyclist. Therefore, I welcome in principle the recent consultation over introducing traffic lights at this junction, although, if introduced, the impact on traffic flow should be monitored.

If re-elected, I will champion the use of increased measures to improve road safety in our Ward and throughout the City.

“Clare, thank you for taking the time to do this; much appreciated.”

Local Residents feedback to Clare James,
Farringdon Within

Impact of inappropriate development and the effects of the night time economy

Over the last few years, a number of different planning and licensing-related issues have arisen in various different locations throughout our Ward. I have added my voice to support the objections of local businesses and residents where there would be a detrimental impact on the Ward.

I believe that it is important to preserve the tranquillity and unique character of this special part of the City and if re-elected I will continue to work with local businesses and residents to monitor planning and licensing applications and their impact on our Ward.

Comments I have submitted...

- This part of the City consists of a labyrinth of narrow passageways where sound is magnified and propagated, exacerbating the disturbance to residents. As such it would seem to be an inappropriate location for a late-night/early-morning drinking/music/dancing establishment of this nature.
- The proposed extension to the current licensed hours on every day of the week would result in extended hours of disturbance and nuisance to residents, without respite.

Street Cleaning and Rubbish Collection

I am committed to helping ensure that Farringdon Within has an efficient and effective street cleaning and rubbish collection service.



Many residents have contacted me at different times over the last 8 years regarding rubbish and street cleaning issues and I have liaised with residents and officers at the Corporation to highlight these problems and, where possible, find solutions. I am aware of persisting problems in some locations and if re-elected I will continue to work hard in this area.

Standing for Re-Election as a Common Councilman for the Ward of Farringdon Within

Clare James



Working to help preserve the unique character of this special part of our City

My pledges for 2017 and beyond:

Listening to the concerns of local businesses and residents will continue to be core to my approach:

- ✓ **Tackling Air and Noise Pollution:** through increased monitoring, signage, engagement with stakeholders and raising awareness.
- ✓ **Improving Road Safety:** by championing the introduction of appropriate measures and action at major junctions and other hot spots within our Ward to improve safety for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists.
- ✓ **Monitoring new planning and licensing applications:** working with local businesses and residents to ensure their views are heard where there would be a detrimental impact.
- ✓ **Crossrail:** looking at how we manage the impact of Crossrail on our Ward to the advantage of the local area.

About Me

It is a real privilege to represent the **Ward of Farringdon Within**. I have served as a Common Councilman representing this Ward since April 2008. **I have enjoyed working with you over the last 8 years** and believe that I have helped to make a difference, addressing a variety of problems relating to **noise, the night time economy, pollution, street cleaning, rubbish collection, signage and drainage**.

I have served on a number of City of London Corporation Committees including Planning and Transportation and Children and Community Services. I currently serve on the Finance Committee, Investment Committee, Hampstead Heath, Queens Park and Highgate Wood Committee and I am **Chairman of the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**. I also serve on a number of associated sub-committees.

I have strong connections with the Ward of Farringdon Within. I am the **Master Elect** of the **Fletchers' Company** and our home, Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall, lies in Cloth Street on the north side of the Ward. I am also a member of the Farringdon Ward Club. **My work brings me into the Ward on an almost daily basis**.

I have spent most of my life in the City: I am an actuary and investment consultant at **Punter Southall** with a career spanning over 20 years advising trustees and corporate sponsors of occupational pension schemes. I spent 11 years as a pupil at the City of London School for Girls before reading Engineering at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. I returned to the City to work as a trainee actuary in Fleet Street and **I continue to spend a large part of my time in the City**.

Track record

I have had the privilege of representing the Ward of Farringdon Within for over 8 years. Some of the areas I have helped address include:

- ✓ **Air and Noise pollution:** Facilitated meetings, spot checks, the issuing of notices and the installation of signage to address a wide variety of noise-related issues. Supported a City wide application for the installation of 17 no engine idling signs.
- ✓ **Licensing and Planning applications:** Supported residents and local businesses in monitoring and objecting to a number of licensing and planning applications where these would have a detrimental impact.
- ✓ **Street cleaning and Rubbish collection:** Regularly liaised with residents and officers at the Corporation to highlight problems and find solutions.

“Thank you for your prompt intervention.”

“Many thanks for supporting [residents] at today’s Licensing sub-committee hearing. It is very much appreciated.”

“Thank you again for your energetic efforts to move this City issue forward.”

“Thanks for your support in opposing [the application]....you have captured the points perfectly.”

**Local Residents feedback to Clare James,
Farringdon Within**

Looking ahead

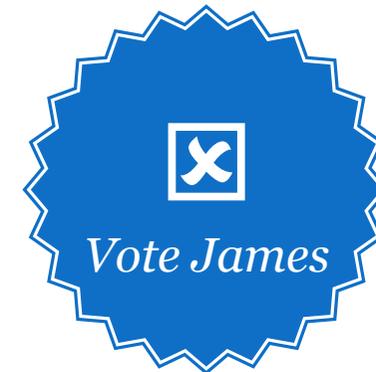
The current redevelopment at Bart’s Square and the ongoing **Crossrail** development bring further opportunities and challenges and I am very mindful of these and their impact on our Ward.

In addition, we face an uncertain future with **Brexit**. I would like to hear the views of all businesses and residents in our Ward on this extremely important issue. I will ensure your views are represented in any debates at the City of London Corporation.

I have enjoyed working with you over the last 8 years and I would very much like the opportunity to continue to represent you. I hope to have the opportunity to speak with as many of you as possible over the coming weeks.

You can get in touch with me on 07973 640507 or at clare@clarejames.orangehome.co.uk You may also like to visit my website www.claredjames.co.uk

I am **independent** and I am not affiliated to any political party. Please support me and please **VOTE CLARE JAMES on 23rd March**.



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