



PETER BENNETT

Independent Candidate for Walbrook Ward

By-Election on 1 December 2016

Tradition Investment Improvement

"Committed to increasing the success of Walbrook Ward at the heart of the Square Mile"

Dear Walbrook Ward voter,

I am Peter Bennett, your Independent candidate, seeking your vote in the Walbrook Ward By-Election on Thursday 1 December.

I was, until October 2016, City Surveyor to the Corporation of London, responsible for its extensive property holdings, generating income and providing support for City businesses.

Having worked for the City Corporation for the last 26 years, being a City resident and Chairman of my Residents' Association, I understand the issues of living and working in a World City.



Why vote for me?

1. I know both the **City** and the **Ward** well and have **extensive City business experience**
2. I am **accessible** to those living and working Walbrook Ward
3. I know how the **City Corporation** works and how best to use its operations for the **benefit of the Ward**
4. I can bring a **wide range** of relevant **knowledge** and **experience** to the Ward
5. I am a **good listener** to the needs of City businesses and residents, and I **deliver solutions**

My experience

Throughout my career, I have been **closely involved** in most of the City Corporation's **strategic activities**, delivering:

- **Greater use** of the Corporation's powers, facilitating **new buildings**, whilst preserving **historic buildings** – essential to the **character** of the **Square Mile**
- Better **broadband** availability, including the first **City-wide Wi-Fi** network
- Improvement in the **street scene** and **green spaces** in the Square Mile
- More **retail** activity, including initiating the **Cheapside Business Improvement District (BID)**
- Improved **cultural provision** in the City, including the planned relocation of the **Museum of London** and better accessibility to the **Barbican Centre**
- Improved **electricity supplies** to City businesses
- Increased **educational** and **residential** premises in the **City** and the surrounding boroughs

My Priorities

Bank Junction

Improvements are urgent and vital to enable this key transport hub to work more effectively, safely and with less pollution for all users above and below ground. I will urge greater momentum in the City Corporation's proposals

The Changing City

Brexit, CrossRail, the tech revolution, amongst others, will bring more change and opportunities to the Ward and the City. I will work to ensure the Ward maintains its attractiveness to new and existing businesses

Leisure and Retail

New property developments in and around the Ward, and the 24 hour Tube, will bring more, and younger, workers willing to spend money and longer hours in the vicinity. I will lobby for more street environment improvements for the Ward, including cleansing, policing anti-social behaviour, and licensing

Listening to You

I want to hear your views on my vision for Walbrook Ward. Connect with me on Twitter ([@PeterBennett125](https://twitter.com/PeterBennett125)) or email (petergb125@gmail.com)

About Me

I am married, with three grown-up children, two of whom work in Central London. Having commuted to the City for twenty years, I understand the issues of transport and accessibility for those working in the Square Mile; however, living for the past seven years in the City has opened my eyes to the real pleasure of life at the heart of London. Walking and buses are now my preferred mode of transport as I enjoy the wide range of cultural opportunities in and around the City.

I've enjoyed a high degree of prominence in the London property industry for over 25 years, with more than 40 years of overall professional experience. I was appointed City Surveyor to the City of London Corporation in 2007, the 34th to hold that title since 1487, managing investment property totalling over 16 million sq.ft. of space, and managing 600 operational properties across Greater London. Encouraging and facilitating change in property and in business has been at the centre of my work in the City for nearly three decades.

I am a Chartered Surveyor (FRICS), Freeman of the City, Liveryman (Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors), and Bridgemaster of the City of London. I enjoy volunteering, particularly as a member of Friend of City Gardens and I am a life member of St Luke's Community Centre.

The City has been central to my life for the past thirty years, and I look forward to serving you as your elected member for Walbrook Ward.

