SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

(covers the area inside the boundaries of London Bridge/Tooley Street (north side)/Shad Thames/the River Thames)

Local residents and businesses are invited to an

Open Meeting

at The Bridge House (first floor), 218 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 2UP
7.00pm on Monday, 7 July 2008

on

Tower Bridge restoration work from June 2008 to April 2011

come and meet -

- The **Contractor** and the **Corporation of London** who will tell us about their about their proposed three-year programme of work
- The Southwark **Environmental Protection Officer** will advise on construction noise restrictions
- **Local Councillors** will also be present to support us

some of the issues are -

- Restoration work is due to start in June 2008, and will run in 4 phases between now and April 2011
- At times the Contractor is seeking 24/7 working to deliver the Bridge in readiness for the London Olympics
- Some of the work will be noisy (such as grit-blasting)
- At times the Bridge will be closed to traffic and to foot traffic
- Portland Wharf, beside the Bridge, is likely to be used as the base for operational generators

If you would like more information about the meeting, or the Association, please contact
Julian Griffiths chairman@shadthames.org or Jilly Frisch secretary@shadthames.org

SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NETWORK

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Tower Bridge – Restoration

2008 - 2011

BACKGROUND

- Tower Bridge was last painted in 1991
- The bridge is inspected every 2 years
- The restoration will be carried out on the entire bridge

THE WORK

- Pyeroy is the company undertaking the restoration. They are also responsible for Health and Safety
- Pyeroy have a good record of completing work on time
- Pyeroy will employ the same techniques as applied on the previous/current project of Southwark Bridge
- ALL layers of paint on Tower Bridge will be removed for the first time in its restoration history
- It is not expected that the restoration will involve any metal work repairs
- The paint will be removed using grit blasts. No chemicals will be used for paint removal
- Sections of the bridge will be screened off during grit blasting. This will prevent material residue entering into the atmosphere/river?
- Grit blast vacuum cleaners will used to extract particles
- Grit blasting creates a noise of 50/55 decibels which is less than that generated by current road traffic on Tower Bridge. This is the level of noise which will be heard by the nearest residential property, Anchor Brewhouse.
- Paint will applied by spray
- The paint should not produce much odour. However, it is possible that the odour generated on a similar project on Southwark Bridge may have been caused by the mixing process
- There will be considerable usage of vehicles for delivery and collections e.g. skips etc.
- Project vehicles will be parked on Tower Bridge only and not in residential areas
- Power compressors and other equipment will be based at Portland(?) Wharf

SCHEDULE

- The work will be completed in 4 phases
    1. 170 days 26/08/2008
    2. 178 days 2009
    3. 145 days 2010
    4. 180 days 2011. This phase will involve the closure of Tower Bridge to vehicles and pedestrians for 2 months from January 2011

BRIDGE ACCESS

- During most of the work Tower Bridge will be open to both pedestrians and vehicles.
- On occasions, pedestrian access will be though the scaffolding which will be protected by acoustic hording
- Tower Bridge will be closed to pedestrians and vehicles for an estimated two months from January 2011.
- During the closer it won't be possible to use the pedestrian walkway at the top of the bridge for two reasons:
    1. Potential Health and Safety issues
    2. Tower Bridge Experience is taking advantage of this period to carry out its own renovations on its tourist attraction
- There are no plans to provide a ferry service for pedestrians during the closure period and there was no decision regarding modifying the Congestion Zone boundaries to alleviate pressure on the Rotherhithe Tunnel. Both matters will have to addressed by Transport For London
- Since the meeting, the local MP, Simon Hughes has mounted a campaign to make provision for pedestrian and vehicle traffic during the bridge's closure (http://www.simonhughes.org.uk/surveys/2/)

NOISE ISSUES

- Noise levels will be monitored by the contractor and reports provided to Southwark Council
- Noise issues can be reported to: Dan Blissett E: dan.blissett@southwark.gov.uk or noise@southwark.gov.uk.T:0207525 5766 *(5777 outside of normal working hours)*

AESTHETICS

- Residents expressed their wish for the project team to minimise the impact on the world famous landmark being covering in scaffolding, hording and other sheeting. It was hoped that the material could contain an image of the covered icon. The initial response was that this would be unlikely due to the type of material being used. It was also unlikely that it would be possible to project images onto the material from the water due to movement

FURTHER INFORMATION

- www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/bridgecare
- www.towerbridge.org.uk
- www.pyeroy.co.uk
- www.simonhughes.org.uk