

Information: Reporting Antisocial Behaviour on Golden Lane Estate

Dear Resident,

Over the past few months a number of you have raised concerns and questions regarding unauthorised filming [and in some cases, associated anti-social behaviour] on Golden Lane Estate, either via your Dedicated Ward Officers, Elected Members or to myself directly. The purpose of this letter then, is firstly to offer you some reassurance, and secondly, to explain the legislation, restrictions, and means to report such filming.

Filming in the City of London

Filming permissions are managed very carefully and with the intention to safeguard residents and no filming is permitted at weekends, or weekday evenings/nights so as not to cause disturbance to residents.

Regarding the public highway (such as Fann Street) most reputable productions will apply for permission to film on the street. However, it is not a legal requirement to apply for permission to film in a public place if their activity is not noisy or creating an unreasonable noise.

Unfortunately, there are no offences for filming, and trespass is not a criminal offence. The most that police or environmental officers can do is to use powers of persuasion.

If there is an issue with disturbance on the estate, residents should inform the Estate Office with the time, date and location of the problem – if the Estate Office can pick up a pattern they can schedule patrols accordingly.

Drones

The City is one of three flight restricted zones over London and all drone operators have to obtain permission from the National Air Traffic System to fly in these areas. Please contact police if you see a Drone being used.



Noise

Nuisance noise is defined as *“Any loud or persistent noise that causes you ongoing concern or affects your quality of life”*. The City of London Noise Pollution team should be your first contact for reporting nuisance noise as this isn't usually a matter for the police.

Where the noise is from people being inconsiderate in a public space, this is an exception. You can report this to police as antisocial behaviour.

Street drinking

It's not always a criminal offence to drink alcohol in the street. However, individuals or groups of people drinking alcohol together can sometimes lead to rowdy or disruptive behaviour.

Trespassing

Trespassing is when someone is on private property or travels across it without the property owner's permission. This includes both private land and buildings.

It can be worrying to find someone trespassing on your property, and you might be tempted to immediately call the police. However, unless you believe they've caused, or plan to cause, damage or harm, this is a matter to be reported to The City of London Corporation.

Littering and fly tipping

While the Police will act if we witness it happening, littering should usually be reported to The City of London Corporation as they can organise the removal of litter.

Neighbour disputes

If you live in rented property or social housing, your landlord or housing association may be able to help you.

If the problem involves noise, such as a loud party or dogs barking, please contact The City of London Noise Pollution team.

If you feel targeted or intimidated

If problems have escalated or you've been threatened, verbally abused, or personally targeted please report the crime to police.

We would rather hear from you, and find ways to help, than find out that you were suffering in silence.

Rough Sleepers

Please note that rough sleeping alone is not considered antisocial behaviour. If you are concerned about a rough sleeper you can report this online using the Streetlink website at www.streetlink.org.uk or you can call 0300 500 0914

How to contact City of London Police:

Call 101 for all non-emergency matters

Call 999 in an emergency, such as if a crime is occurring, someone is injured, being threatened or there is a threat to life

Report online at www.cityoflondon.police.uk/

How to contact City of London Corporation:

Call 020 7606 3030

Report online at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,



Inspector Joe Easterbrook

Neighbourhood Policing Inspector

City of London Police