

# Monitoring report: 8 February 2019

## Overview

- The London Assembly has called for an urgent review into the regulation and process of self-storage centres
- The Court of Appeal has rejected Transport for London's appeal over CS11
- Westminster Labour Councillors have called on the Leader of Westminster Council to join them in a cross-party campaign for a hotel occupancy levy
- The Mayor of London's digital advertising campaign to tackle homelessness will see a further 130 digital billboards introduced across London
- A report by The Sunday Times found how free InLinkUK phone kiosks are used for thousands of street drug deals

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Overview	Detail	Action
The London Assembly has called for an urgent review into the regulation and process of self-storage centres (7 Feb <a href="#">Article</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following a fire at the Shugard Storage Centre in Croydon, the London Assembly has called for an urgent review into the regulations and processes of self-storage centres</li> <li>• With 40 per cent of Europe's self-storage being in the UK, the London Assembly has called on the Government to step in.</li> <li>• They join the Mayor in calling for an urgent review into the regulations and processes related to this industry so that it is held to account for its responsibility to provide the highest level of service and security for people's belongings</li> </ul>	None.
The Court of Appeal has rejected Transport for London's appeal over CS11 (7 Feb <a href="#">Article</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TfL had challenged a High Court judgment which stopped work on the CS11 superhighway that had been due to start last summer</li> <li>• Westminster Council, backed by several residents groups, had argued the traffic and pollution impact of the new road layouts had not been properly thought through</li> <li>• The future of the project is in question after TfL refused to commit to revive the scheme</li> </ul>	None.
Westminster Labour Councillors have called on the Leader of Westminster Council to join them in a cross-party campaign for a hotel occupancy levy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over recent months the idea of a hotel occupancy levy has been discussed at full council and at other fora</li> <li>• Westminster Labour suggest that there appears to be a cross-party consensus that this is a good way of generating extra finance to pay for essential public services</li> <li>• Westminster Labour call on WCC to lead the way on this</li> </ul>	None.

(7 Feb <a href="#">Article</a> )	proposals in London	
The Mayor of London's digital advertising campaign to tackle homelessness will see a further 130 digital billboards introduced across London (5 Feb <a href="#">Article</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giant billboards and digital advertising screens across the capital will be used to highlight the plight of people sleeping rough during the severe winter weather, as part of the Mayor Sadiq Khan's continued campaign to help London's homeless off the streets</li> <li>• Advertising giant Clear Channel has put its weight behind the campaign and gifted more than 130 billboards and screens across London to help promote the campaign</li> </ul>	None.
A report by The Sunday Times found how free InLinkUK phone kiosks are used for thousands of street drug deals (3 Feb <a href="#">Article</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new generation of phone and internet points being installed across London are being used for thousands of drug deals, according to police</li> <li>• Because anyone can use the kiosks, and the CCTV cameras inside are switched off, police and councils fear they create a haven for street dealing</li> <li>• Richard Beddoe, council cabinet member for planning at Westminster City Council noted how for the best part of 20 years they have been basically obsolete, and tend to end up as hubs for antisocial behaviour or X-rated display boards for private escort services and drug dealers</li> <li>• Instead, advertisers see them as high-visibility hoardings, In one street in Westminster, the council received an application which would have seen a phone box placed every 15 metres</li> </ul>	

## Consultations

Body	Consultation	Deadline	Action
MHCLG	<a href="#">Business Rates retention reform.</a>	21 February 2019	Westminster BIDs response to be provided
WCC	<a href="#">World class scheme proposed for Strand Aldwych</a>	13 March 2019	Response to be agreed

## Events forward planner

Date	Organisation	Event	Tickets
Wednesday 13 February 2019	Cities of London & Westminster Conservatives (CLWCA)	<b>City Ward Drinks and Canapés Reception - Cllr Nickie Aiken and Rt Hon Mark Field MP</b> City Ward Conservatives are hosting a Drinks and Canapés Reception with Cllr Nickie Aiken, Leader of Westminster City Council, and Rt Hon Mark Field, Member of Parliament for Cities of London and Westminster. It will be held in Barbican. Details of the venue will be confirmed to attendees 48 hours prior to the event.	£25 for members, £30 for non-members
Wednesday 13 February 2019	WPA AGM	<b>Annual Drinks Reception and WPA AGM</b> This will also be the last event for James Cooksey as Chair of the WPA before Craig and his Vice Chairs assume the leadership of the WPA. Hosted at BAFTA's headquarters on Piccadilly, members will be able to experience this iconic building before construction starts on its extension and renovation later in 2019.	Free