

ALISON GOWMAN FOR DOWGATE ALDERMAN



I am standing for re-election as Alderman.

- I have the experience and understanding that is needed to deal with problems and make things work
- I have the commitment to serve and press through issues which can be complex
- I know the people and the relevant City institutions that can help you find short cuts to the right solutions



I have served Dowgate Ward for the past 17 years, first as a Member of the Court of Common Council and for the last 6 years as the Alderman.

The role of an Alderman is much more than a public ceremonial one. For me it is about tangible assistance and real deliverables. To give you a flavour of the range and diversity of what I have been able to achieve for the Ward and the businesses and residents during my tenure, here are some examples:



- Building noise. Many people have been affected by the noise, dust and disruption of the building works, whilst understanding the need for these works. I have instigated the active involvement of the Corporation's Considerate Contractor Scheme officers in order to ensure that those affected have a direct line to call and the officers concerned are fully aware of the issues.



- Victorian Water Mains replacement. I facilitated the attendance of residents and businesses within the Ward at the early briefings by Thames Water to alert them to the potential works and ensure that a continuing dialogue takes place.
- Electricity issues. I have worked with the local occupiers regarding issues around the safety of electricity sub-stations, access to and the security of the same and raised with EDF at a high level the need to ensure that these issues are monitored throughout the City.



- Working with a major business that is due to move into the Ward within the near future to provide them with relevant contacts within the Corporation.
- Assisted the Dowgate Fire Station in its new initiative to reach the businesses within the City providing a platform for them to speak to those businesses on fire safety issues.



- Waste disposal. Over a long period of time I have ensured that, where possible, the arrangements for regular waste disposal, recycling and on-street cleansing are of the highest standard. Ensuring the placing of cigarette end bins within the Ward and actively campaigning for both better cleansing and a campaign to eradicate this type of waste.



- Arranging for a child to be placed in an appropriate school in a neighbouring borough in circumstances where the City did not have the facilities needed.
- Rough sleepers. Continuing liaison with businesses, police, environmental cleaning, street scene and the rough sleepers initiative. Ensuring that the competing uses and potential security issues arising from rough sleepers within the Ward are properly dealt with.

I will continue to give priority to the issues that face Dowgate Ward:



- building works will be a continuing theme over the next three years and the current financial issues may throw up some difficult trading patterns
- infrastructure works are still to be completed and need constant monitoring and improvement of the built environment whether by street scene improvement, competing users or diversity of building use to bring back more shops
- championing of the City as the best place to do business and making representations to high level contacts within the City institutions and Government



I have a strong working relationship with the two elected Common Council Members for Dowgate, Deputy Robin Sherlock and Henry Pollard. Like them I serve on various City committees. These presently are Finance and Bridge House Estates, the Livery Committee and I chair the Energy Working Party.



I sit as a Magistrate at the City of London Magistrates' Court and act as a Trustee of the Sir John Soane's Museum and Greenwich Foundation for the Old Royal Naval College.

Professionally I am a senior partner in DLA Piper UK LLP, a global law firm. I specialise in commercial real estate and use that specialism and experience in my work on the City Corporation and its committees.

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