

Gregory Moore
Deputy Town Clerk



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Date 06 February 2025

**Re: City of London Ward Lists – Outcome of hearing
City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957
Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001**

I am writing to advise all parties of my decision in relation to the inclusion of Oliver Hunt (“the Respondent”) in the final Ward List for the Ward of Castle Baynard for 2025 – 2026, as appointed by Land Securities (“the Company”) at 6 New Street Square, London EC4A 3BF (“the Premises”).

A hearing was held on 31 January 2025 at the Guildhall before me, Greg Moore, Deputy Town Clerk, under delegated authority from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive. I was assisted by Edward Wood, Assistant City Solicitor and Alice Loynes, Acting Electoral Services Manager.

Martha Grekos (“the Objector”) had submitted the written objection to the inclusion of the Respondent in the provisional Ward List. The Respondent had submitted written representations to address the points raised. Neither party attended the hearing.

It was not disputed by the Objector that the Company was a qualifying body for the purposes of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 (“the 1957 Act”) and the City of London (Ward Elections) Act 2002 (“the 2002 Act”) and that it owned the Premises in question.

However, it was disputed that the Company was occupying the Premises for relevant purposes on 1 September 2024 (the qualifying date), as required under section 6(1)(c) of the 1957 Act, in order to give rise to a right to appoint one or more voters. It was also disputed that the Respondent satisfied any of the conditions to be appointed as a voter by the Company under section 5 of the 2002 Act.

In reply, the Respondent strongly asserted that the Company had always (since the opening of New Street Square nearly 20 years ago) maintained a permanent presence through employees, with a staffed Management Office located on the Lower Ground Level of the Premises.

In relation to his own personal circumstances, however, the Respondent confirmed that he was not eligible to be appointed as a voter, because his permanent principal place of work was at 100 Victoria Street (outside the City). He explained that he had been unaware of the relevant requirements at the time of registering.

The Respondent requested that the name of another employee of the Company, who was permanently based at the Premises, be substituted for his own in the final Ward List. Unfortunately, this is not a permissible outcome at this stage in the process. I note that the Company values its vote in City elections and, based on the information provided, it should be possible to appoint an eligible voter in future years.

However, the Respondent will not be included in the final Ward List for the Ward of Castle Baynard for 2025 – 2026.

There is a right of appeal to the Mayor's and City of London Court in relation to this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Moore', written in a cursive style.

Greg Moore
Deputy Town Clerk