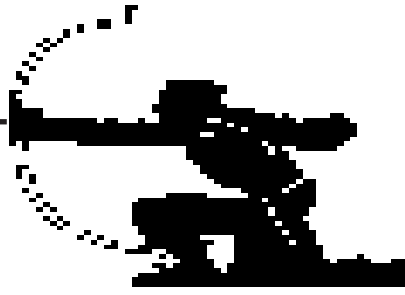


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English Heritage 'enraged' at LUL's misrepresentation

## Where the buck stops

By Diana Cormack

Kevin Murphy of English Heritage is infuriated that London Underground staff have been telling travellers that the lack of ticket machines at East Finchley station is the responsibility of English Heritage who will not let them alter the building.

"There have been a number of occasions on which London Underground Ltd has misrepresented English Heritage in this way. This is not acceptable, and we will be taking this up with them directly".

Mr Murphy told *The Archer* that he had already written to Sir Malcolm Bates, the Chairman of LUL, and that he was 'enraged' to hear that English Heritage is still being implicated.

Five years ago, when LUL approached both Barnet Council and English Heritage with a proposal to install a new ticket machine on an outside

wall no objections were raised. According to Mr Murphy, LUL subsequently withdrew the proposal as it wished to look at different locations for the machines and has not raised the matter since then.

Mr Murphy said that English Heritage is not against careful change and is there to help London Underground Ltd develop the station in a sensitive and appropriate manner. He cited the recent installation of closed circuit television and new platform equipment as examples of what could be achieved with careful consultation.

It seems clear that English Heritage would not object to new ticket machines being installed as long as they were 'carefully detailed'. As installation would involve only minor alterations to the station the way would appear to be open for London Underground Ltd to make an application.

### Stop Press:

*The management at East Finchley station has confirmed, in a letter to Cllr John Marshall, that they are having problems with the new passenger operated ticket machine. They plan to install a 'queue busting' machine at the station some time this year.*



Queues at East Finchley station. Photo by Bob Janes

## Plane crash kills family

A family of three from East Finchley was killed on 23 December when the eight-seater plane in which they were travelling plunged into a factory only seconds after having taken off from Blackbushe Airport, Hampshire.

Michael Kreisky, 56, was travelling to Majorca for Christmas with his daughter Clare, son Tom, and Tom's girlfriend Clare Gale-Hasslam, in a plane piloted by his millionaire brother Brian, 53, when the tragic accident occurred.

All five occupants died instantly when the twin-engined Beech 200 Super Kingair hit the doors of a

rubber factory and burst into flames, engulfing the factory and endangering nearby properties. The cause of the accident has yet to be determined.

Michael, of Eastern Road, was *The Archer's* motoring correspondent from 1994-96. *The Archer* team expresses its deepest sympathy to all who knew Michael and his family; they will be sorely missed.

## Dangerous Corner

By Daphne Chamberlain

In November, an elderly man was knocked down on the corner of The Bishop's Avenue and Great North Road, an officially recognised danger spot for pedestrians. By coincidence, the man's neighbour (neither of them wish to be identified) had already complained to Rudi Vis about the difficulty of crossing at this junction.

The neighbour received a letter from Ian Caunce, Barnet's Principal Traffic Engineer, in July 1998. It said: "A recommendation was made in the study report [into bus movements] to make allowance for either a mini-roundabout or traffic signals. Both types of measure will improve pedestrian safety by slowing down traffic at the junction, and providing independent crossing facilities."

Mr Caunce added that, as there would have to be a local consultation exercise before anything was implemented, it was unlikely that any works

would take place for at least 18 months. Meanwhile, the Council would continue to monitor the situation.

### Still no provisions

At the time of going to press, Mr Caunce was not available for comment. However, a colleague, Bob Clark, confirmed that there are no provisions for The Bishop's Avenue in the current budget.

Mr Clark said that Barnet has £90,000 p.a. for minor road works, and one zebra crossing

costs £25,000.

### What price life?

The 85 year-old victim of The Bishop's Avenue accident, who is recovering at home, suffered a broken arm and leg. His 81 year-old neighbour said, "That road is extremely dangerous. Even the young and fit agree...you feel you're taking your life in your hands."

Potential danger spots have to be prioritised, but what has happened to the recommendations of 1998?

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