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Institute relocation creates parking dilemma

The relocation of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute to Park House was always anticipated to increase demand for parking in the area. Barnet Council has responded to residents' concerns by imposing new parking restrictions on the surrounding roads that seem likely to create additional problems for local businesses and residents alike.

The new restrictions mean that the controlled parking zone in surrounding roads will operate from 10am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday and are intended to ensure that local residents will still be able to park near their homes.

Not late enough?

However, with weekday evening classes starting at 7pm, after the new restrictions end, some residents are concerned that the restrictions do not go far enough. One suggestion has been to extend the time to 7.30 or 8pm on weekdays to ensure that residents can park close to their homes on weekday evenings.

Other residents and local businesses are worried that extended times and the conversion of all free parking bays to general permit bays will adversely affect both local businesses and visitors to Cherry Tree Wood.

Visitor restrictions

Whereas the old restrictions lasted just one hour per weekday, sufficient to deter commuters but still allowing plenty of free access for residents to receive visitors, the extended arrangement will hit these visitors badly. Equally, residents that could gamble on being away for that hour will not escape Saturdays.

Lack of consultation

Despite promises from the council in the past to consult before making changes to the parking restrictions, people are concerned that the changes have been made at very short notice inesses and residents alike. and without consultation. The council has pointed out that as the changes are being implemented under experimental traffic orders residents can object or propose changes for six months after the changes come into force.

The roads affected are: Summerlee Gardens, Cherry Tree Road, Summerlee Avenue, Park Hall Road, Baronsmere Road, Ingram Road, Diploma Avenue, Edmunds Walk and parts of Fortis Green, The Causeway, The Bishops Avenue, Deansway and Bancroft Avenue.



Hunisha with some of her trophies. Photo by Diana Cormack

King Street's World Class Karate Kid

By Diana Cormack Hunisha Patel of King Street is one of the best in the world at karate and has the medal to prove it. Last month twelve-yearold Hunisha came second

in her age group, being runner up to a girl from the Czech Republic at the World Cup Open Competition held over three days in Budo Nord, Sweden.



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She took up martial arts at the age of nine, when she was a pupil at Martin Junior School, and now trains four times a week for at least two hours per session at the David Lloyd Centre. Guided by two experienced Sensei, Hunisha specialises in Ashin Do Kai and last year, after winning many club tournaments, she was entered into the national championships in Nottingham, where she came second in her category. This was followed by selection for the British Team. Hunisha's calendar is now dotted with future events all over the country and abroad, with competitions at the end of this year in Holland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. No doubt more medals and trophies will then be added to her already impressive collection. A future champion? Hunisha, whose father Barat runs Bar XL on the High Road, is in need of one thing: sponsorship. It is possible that we have a future World Champion in East Finchley so if you can help by offering or suggesting sponsors for Hunisha, please let *THE ARCHER* know.



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