



# The planning application process

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**If an individual or a company wishes to build a house, a block of flats, or a shop, or extend an existing building, or even change its use, they generally have to apply for planning permission to the council planning department.**

Having received an application, the planning department will normally post a public notification in the vicinity of the proposed work, and may send it to the affected people in the locality. This gives them an opportunity to consider objecting to the application. Guidelines describe the permitted grounds for objection.

## Details resolved

After issues of detail are resolved between the applicant and the planning department, with site visits if necessary, the planners may accept or reject the proposal, or they may refer it to the appropriate Area Planning Committee, especially if there have been any objections. There are three such committees for Barnet, and the Finchley & Golders Green committee is the one that covers East Finchley. It holds a public meeting each month (visit the Barnet Council web site for dates) at Hendon Town Hall. The committee comprises a selection of councillors from the main parties and the senior planning officers.

Generally applications that have been referred to the

committee are considered at the next available meeting. In that meeting, the application is presented to the committee by the relevant planning officer, together with a recommendation. There is an opportunity for the applicant and for objectors to address the committee (prior notice is required for this). The councillors may choose to question a speaker, and then debate the planning issues raised by the application. They then decide by vote whether to accept it (with conditions if necessary) or reject it. Exceptionally, they can refer it to the overall council Planning and Environment committee, for a decision. A rejected applicant can later appeal to the government planning inspector, but generally only on the grounds of planning process, rather than the merits of the application itself.

This is an example of how much local councillors can directly affect people's lives and emphasises the significance of local democracy and in particular the importance and value of **your** vote in local elections.

# No escape for speeding Londoners

**Traffic Officers from the Met cracked down on speeding in September in a month-long targeted operation of education and enforcement aimed at drivers across the capital.**

The intelligence-led operation was in addition to normal enforcement and took place at areas where excessive and inappropriate speed had been identified or there had been a higher percentage of speed related collisions.

Officers aimed to improve road user behaviour by offering advice to drivers on how to make their journey safer. Officers used mobile and static laser speed detection cameras, taking a high visibility approach with the aim of reducing collisions in the 'hotspot' areas.

Chief Inspector Ian Brookes, in charge of NW London Traffic Operational Command Unit said, "Excessive and inappropriate speed is a significant factor in the frequency and severity of collisions and although in the 12 months to April this year road traffic deaths in London came down by 12 percent on the previous year, those who



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speed remain a priority for us in our ongoing work to increase road safety."

George Galli-Atkinson, whose daughter Livia Galli-Atkinson was killed in a road traffic collision in January 1998, said, "The lives of victims and their families can be shattered by a road traffic collision, which in some cases could have been prevented by observing the speed limit. The work of the Traffic Police in operations of this kind is vital in our fight to remove dangerous drivers from our roads and help stop other families being devastated by the loss of a loved one."

Chief Inspector Brookes added, "With the wet weather and nights drawing in earlier, drivers need to take particular care and adjust their speed to the road conditions. If you are

caught speeding you could face a fine of up to £2,500 and three penalty points on your driving licence plus the court has the power to disqualify you from driving."

From the Think Road Safety website [www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk](http://www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk):

- Two out of three accidents where people are killed or injured happen on roads where the speed limit is 40mph or less.
- Seven out of 10 drivers admit to regularly breaking the 30mph speed limit.
- To stop, an average family car travelling at 35mph will need 21 feet more than one travelling at 30mph.
- If you hit a cyclist or pedestrian at 35mph rather than 30mph, the force of the impact increases by more than a third.

## Handy people

**Do you need a handy person? If you are 65 plus and live in N2, N3, N10, N11, N12, N14, N20, EN4 or EN5, you may be able to get one.**

The Barnet HandyPeople, co-ordinated by Age Concern and funded by the Milly Apthorp Charitable Trust, Barnet and Barnet NHS Primary Care Trust, carry out a variety of small repairs inside and outside the house.

They don't do gas or electrical work (apart from plugs and fuses), painting and decorating, or roof or conservatory work, and they don't use anything higher than a stepladder. They will do a whole range of minor but necessary repairs, with no charge for work or time. The client has only to pay for any materials purchased.

Clients can be referred by GPs, Statutory Agencies, Voluntary Organisations and the Independent Sector.

For a referral form or further information, contact the HandyPerson Co-ordinator on 020 8203 5040.

## Local Planning Applications

**East Finchley Station, High Road, N2**

Construction of new access road and car parking with associated entry gates.

**Bradbury House, 250 East End Road, N2** (Listed building consent.)

Replacement of two ground floor windows and door to match existing.

**58 High Road, N2**

Change of use from retail (Class A1) to estate agent (Class A2).

**322 High Road, N2**

Erection of a three storey detached house with provision of off-street parking.

**Land at rear of 332/334 High Road, N2**

Erection of a new one bedroom detached house, following demolition of existing storage building.

**385 - 401 High Road, N2**

Submission of details of levels, refuse storage, landscaping and materials, pursuant to Conditions 4, 7, 11 and 14 of planning permission C05629G/04, dated 14/06/04.

**Viceroy Close, High Road, N2**

Erection of a three/four storey block to provide a total of 9 self-

contained flats with associated off-street parking.

**40A Park Hall Road, N2**

Alterations to roof, including addition of rear dormer window to facilitate a loft conversion.

**16 Summerlee Avenue, N2**

Single storey rear conservatory.

**21 Howard Walk, N2**

Single storey rear extension.

Alterations to roof, including

addition of rear dormer window

and insertion of side roof-light to

facilitate loft conversion.

**1 Prospect Parade, East End Road, N2**

Construction of ground floor

extension, and conversion into

three self-contained residential

units. Conversion of existing store

area into new A1/A2 commercial

unit, with associated changes to

shopfront.

**10 The Bishops Avenue, N2**

Single storey rear extension and

additional dormer window on rear

roofslope.

**Land adjacent to 1 - 12 Norfolk Close, N2**

Submission of details of lighting

pursuant to Condition 3 of plan-

ning permission C155 98/03,

dated 25/02/04.

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