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Barnet General 020 8216 4000
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Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343
Royal Free 020 7794 0500
St Luke's 020 8219 1800
Whittington 020 7272 3070
Western Eye Hosp. 020 7886 6666

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Crime Stoppers 0800 555111
Victim Support 0845 303 0900
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General Advice.

Monday to Friday: 10am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm.
Thursdays: 7pm - 8pm.

Immigration Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm by appointment only.

Legal Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.

Councillors' Surgery.

Saturdays: 10am - 11.30am

Community Services

❖ **Credit Union**, Green Man Community Centre 020 8883 4916
❖ **Careers advice**, Green Man, Community Centre 020 8883 4916
❖ **Toy library**, Muswell Hill 020 8444 0244/ 8489 8774

Zero tolerance on selling alcohol to youngsters

Barnet Council has introduced a zero tolerance policy against those who flout the law and sell alcohol to youngsters.

Trading Standards officers are in the process of warning all licensees in the borough that they are being constantly monitored and offenders will be prosecuted.

Already this year there have been three prosecutions and seven formal cautions have been issued. If traders are prosecuted for under-age sales the police can apply to

the local magistrate's court to revoke their licences.

There are two reasons for the zero tolerance policy: added vigilance should prevent young people in Barnet from being able to purchase alcohol easily and the spotlight will be firmly on those licensees who turn a blind eye to the purchase of alcohol by young people.

Under-age drinking is a growing problem nationally and Barnet Council is committed to taking preventative measures in the borough.

The Licensing Act 2003 transferred responsibility for licensing pubs, clubs, restaurants and off-licences from the magistrates to the Council. There are four licensing objectives included in the Act: the prevention of nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

Further details on the licensing policy are on the council's website at www.barnet.gov.uk/licensing.

Are you entitled to council tax benefit?

Nearly 800 pensioners in Barnet could be set to receive backdated council tax benefits thanks to a take-up drive by the council.

Letters and application forms have been sent out to 785 older people in the borough, who, the council believes, may be eligible for financial help but are not currently claiming.

Anyone who is eligible may be reimbursed with some or all of their council tax payments for last year, as well as qualifying for the benefit this year.

Nigel Hamilton, the council's head of housing, said, "We know that there are a lot of pensioners in the borough who are not claiming what they are

entitled to. In many instances, this is simply because the person does not realise that they are eligible for help. We hope that this mailing will encourage these people to come forward."

The council has been working on the take-up scheme in conjunction with the Pensions Service.

To find out if you are eligible for help, contact the council's housing benefits office on 020 8359 2111 for an application form or visit www.barnet.gov.uk and follow the link to Benefits and Tax.

Society attacks planning cuts

The Finchley Society has attacked Barnet Council cuts in senior planning staff, saying that these will seriously hinder the work of the department.

Posts of planning enforcement officers and the council's conservation manager have been lost.

Stephen Cooper, chair of The Finchley Society planning committee, said, "Owners will be encouraged to make unauthorised alterations, and the number of planning infringements will increase.

"I am amazed at these redundancies at a time when new planning regulations will increase the workload on what is now a reduced staff. Planning seems pointless without proper enforcement, and this requires proper policing."

Mr Cooper has written in protest to Barnet's Chief Executive, Leo Boland.

Parents against phone mast

Parents at Highgate Primary School have got together to protest against the proposed erection of a mobile phone mast less than 400 yards from the school on Aylmer Road.

The phone company, O2, claim that the emissions from the new mast will be within official guidelines, but parents of the 360 children at the school, many of whom live in East Finchley, are concerned both by health questions raised by scientists about such masts and the number of masts already within close proximity to the school.

The new mast will be in addition to the five masts already operating within 400 yards of the school.

A petition has been started to present to O2, and parents are writing to Haringey Council planning department to object.

For further information, contact the parent's action group co-ordinator, Andrea Klein on 020 8883 2194 or AnMaKlein@aol.com

Planning Applications

113 High Road N2:

Change of use from A1 (retail) to sui generis/ B1 Met Police Safer Neighbourhoods units.

Land adj. 60 Lankaster Gardens N2:

Demolition of all existing buildings and erection of three buildings between three and six storeys in height, to provide a total of 120 residential units and 330 square metres of commercial floorspace. Associated landscaping and basement parking for 120 cars, accessed from Lankaster Gardens.

Rear of 176 High Road N2:

Demolition of existing warehouse, and construction of two-storey townhouse with integral garage, with access via Bedford Road. Erection of associated boundary wall and gates.

The Timberies, Church Lane N2:

Construction of ground and first floor extensions to provide shop, office space and staff room, ancillary to existing use.

Ground Floor Flat, 7A New Oak Road N2:

Single storey building in rear garden.

371 Long Lane N2:

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

9 The Leys N2:

Alterations to roof, including raising ridge height. Addition of first floor rear extension. Addition of dormer window to south elevation. Enlarged ground floor bay window.

101 East End Road N2:

Conversion of existing property into two self-contained flats.

55 Leopold Road N2:

Loft conversion, including rear dormer window and rooflights to front.

84 Durham Road N2:

Use as two self-contained flats. Single storey rear extension. Loft conversion, including rear dormer windows.

25 Elmshurst Crescent N2:

Single storey rear extension.

Pavement off East End Road near Cranbourne Court, Briar Close N2:

Installation of 12 metre high telecommunications mast, with transmission dish and associated equipment cabinets.