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"You'll have to get out my side" Picture by James Connell

## Car overturns in East End Road

A car ended up on its side after colliding with a wall and a road sign in East End Road. The 62-year-old female driver was taken to Barnet General Hospital but was not seriously injured.

Police were called to the accident at 2.30pm on 6 August by a 999 call from a member of the public.

It is believed that the car may have clipped a raised kerb, skidded and then turned onto its side. Police confirmed that no other vehicles were involved.

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# Will weekend underground shutdown last into 2007?

By John Lawrence

The closure of the Northern line at weekends for Tube users in East Finchley has been extended to the end of November and *THE ARCHER* has heard disturbing whispers that the shutdowns may even drag on into 2007.

Some staff at East Finchley station doubted that the work would be finished by the extended deadline, warning one of our team to expect line closures into the Christmas period and possibly beyond.

Transport for London said no further closures are scheduled beyond November 'at the moment' but were unable to rule out another round of weekend shutdowns.

Our branch of the line has been shut on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer, forcing travellers to endure longer journey times into and out of town on the replacement bus service. When first announced, the closures were scheduled to end in mid-October but now three extra weekends have

been added.

There will be no tube service between East Finchley and Euston on all weekends in September, and on the weekends of 14-15 October, 21-22 October, 28-29 October, 18-19 November and 25-26 November.

Tube Lines, which is responsible for the maintenance and renewal of the Northern line, has so far replaced 1.2km of track on our branch, as part of a long-term project to provide quieter, smoother and more reliable journeys.

Weekend travellers who have had to get used to breaking their journey at Euston to clamber on and off sometimes packed buses will not want the tube closures to go on one day longer than necessary, particularly not into the peak shopping weekends of December and the Christmas school holiday.

### Free ride

The only advantage to the replacement bus service seems to be that ticket inspections are rare, with no facilities for swiping Oyster cards, effectively giving everyone a free journey to and from town.

A Transport for London spokeswoman said: "From what we have heard from Tube Lines, everything is on schedule and there are no more closures booked at the moment beyond November but that is not to say there won't be the need for more engineering work in the future."

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