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Rescue plan for abandoned park pavilion

By Diana Cormack

After more than 20 years of lying derelict, the pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood may be transformed. It was last used as a children's nursery and had changing rooms at the rear for football teams. Now Sally-Anne Wigfield, who runs the park's kiosk cafe, has put forward proposals to Barnet Council which could turn the decaying building into a brand new community facility with a strong emphasis on education and health.

New position

In poor condition and with the suspicion of asbestos, the pavilion would need to be carefully demolished. A new eco-friendly building compatible with the park would be sited slightly to the east of the existing one, bringing it closer to the playground. While watching their children play, parents could enjoy healthy drinks on the terrace.

With major trees retained, screening would be provided by the present plants along the park boundary. No windows would overlook the boundary fence but there would be a rear delivery door with footpath access only.

Sally-Anne, of Beresford Road, told *THE ARCHER*: "No traffic. I want people to walk here." Delivery and servicing would operate as they do for the existing kiosk, which would probably remain open.

Healthy food

Sally envisages a one-stop shop for good health and fitness, with a nutritionist on hand to provide dietary advice and where children could learn how to grow and cook their own food. Based on her own "t5" eating plan, a colour-coded tapas style counter would provide quick, healthy meals using a sushi bar service style, with the plate colour representing food balance instead of price. The same room would house a café for snacks, salads, drinks,

etc. A separate mobile-free sound proofed room would be sectioned off for such things as reading and relaxation. Upstairs space could be rented by local yoga practitioners and used for art exhibitions and public meetings.

The plans are on display in the park at the Lazy Sally kiosk, where people can leave their comments. Architect Chris Hampson says that so far they have received nothing but support. "It is a real plus for East Finchley and Cherry Tree Wood."

What do you think of these plans? Visit the kiosk or let *THE ARCHER* know. Our contact details are on page 2.



CHERRY TREE WOOD PAVILION view from the children's playground and footpath

How the pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood will look under the redevelopment plans. Image courtesy of Chris Hampson.

Park House to let

Since the sale of Park House on the High Road opposite East Finchley tube station fell through (see last month's *Archer*) an estate agent's sign has been put up advertising office space to rent.

Barnet Council told *The Archer*: "We are currently reviewing our options with regard to Park House. These could include a short-term let, given the conditions of the property market."

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