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Clinic development 'too big'

By John Dearing

At the Muswell Hill end of Fortis Green, opposite the famous Fairport flats, is the former Haringey Primary Care Trust Fortis Green Clinic. No 150 is a rather nondescript 1960s two-storey building, which has evidently been empty and unused for some time, and is rapidly becoming derelict.

As reported in December's ARCHER, Haringey Council has received a planning application for a four or five-storey block of nine flats and a clinic. On Thursday 22 November the planners held a forum at Fortismere School, at which the architect presented the proposal to local people.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the proposed clinic will not be part of the NHS, and was also described as a "communal facility". It emerged at the forum that this was a planning requirement, and that a tenth flat would not be acceptable to the planners. The only alternative to this would be some social housing. No details of any section 106 agreement were presented. The proposed flats are quite large, clearly aimed at the luxury market, and represent a very low density of occupation.

Grounds for objection

Opinions expressed at the

forum were generally critical. The overall design was likened to a 1960s office block. Much concern was expressed about the height and bulk of the proposed building being more than twice that of the existing building and towering over the 'Fireman's Cottages' behind (to the north). Equally, there were concerns that its position, being well forward of the existing building, would dominate the street scene.

The amount of parking space to be provided was considered inadequate and likely to exacerbate the existing problems of on-street parking in the area. Most people at the meeting felt that a smaller, more elegantly designed building should replace this proposal. All these comments were rejected by the architect. At the time of writing, the planning decision was still pending.

New approach to autism

Children under five who are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) are benefiting from a new home-based service, which provides a specialist personalised programme responding to the particular needs of the individual child.

The Barnet Early Autism Model launched by Barnet Council works in partnership with families at home and offers a tailored package giving up to 20 hours educational input every week.

It has been proved that early intensive intervention for children with ASCs will improve their chances of communicating in a social setting and going on to have a happy childhood and school life.

Clean up for The Walks

Complaints from residents have led to a new cleaning regime for The Walks, the historic path leading from Market Place to Church Lane.

People living along or near the path noticed an increase in litter and dumped items and protested to Finchley and Golders Green MP Rudi Vis.

He took up the cause and was told by Barnet Council that street cleaning along The Walks would be increased to twice weekly. All other roads not in the town centre will continue to be swept on a four-weekly cycle.

In a letter to one resident, Mr Vis urged anyone who noticed another slippage in cleaning standards to contact him at his constituency office in Church Lane on 020 8883 0411.

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

62 Abbots Gardens, N2
Single storey rear extension
30 Chandos Road, N2
Proposed loft conversion.

First Floor Flat, 69 Durham Road, N2
Conversion of existing roof space into bedroom with shower room. Replacement of existing external access stair.

93 East End Road, N2
Conversion of property into two flats following loft conversion and roof extension.

16 Fortis Green, N2
Proposed front and rear light wells. Two dormer windows to rear and roof lights to front. Use of both loft and basement as habitable accommodation.

90 Heath View, N2
Single storey front and rear extensions.

111 High Road, N2
Erection of single storey rear extension at ground floor level and use as A1 (Shop) between the hours of 9am - 5pm and use of ground floor and basement as A3 (Restaurant) from 5pm - 11pm.

73 Huntingdon Road, N2
Ground floor rear extension
Land adjoining 60 Lankaster

Gardens, N2

Redevelopment of site to provide a mixed use development comprising 101 residential units and 180 sq m of commercial floor space and parking for 97 cars.

2 Lewis Gardens, N2
Change of use to mixed use motor garage and MOT station.

Ground floor flat, 358 Long Lane, N2
Single storey side and rear extension.

18 Summerlee Gardens, N2
Single storey rear extension.

Haringey Council
25 Bancroft Avenue, N2
Erection of first floor rear extension and front, side and rear dormer windows (resubmission).

35 Bancroft Avenue, N2
Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

3 Greenfield Drive, N2
Erection of rear dormer window to facilitate a loft conversion, erection of single storey ground floor extension and conversion of existing integrated garage into a habitable room.

10 Lauradale Road, N2
Demolition of garage and erection of single storey side extension.

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