



## Residents protest at plans to open new supermarket

By Janet Maitland

**Hundreds of local residents were horrified to learn of a recent planning application to open a new supermarket on the ground floor of Stag Court in the High Road, opposite the library.**

"East Finchley's village feel should be protected," said Phil Prentice. "We don't need a new supermarket." Phil encouraged his Creighton House neighbours to email Barnet Council if they felt the same way.

Mr Erden, manager of Onur Food and Wine store at 222 High Road, submitted a petition of 321 signatures to Barnet Council's planning committee. "My main concern was the increased traffic, noise and parking problems," said Mr Erden.

Barnet informed *THE ARCHER* that the application, submitted by Summed Survey LTD, was withdrawn in March. It was therefore not considered by the planning committee. "Local opinion would have been taken into account if the application had reached the committee," said Bill Campbell from Barnet. "The impact on the local area would have been one of our main considerations."

### Local objections effective

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cover if the owners had been influenced by hearing about the local protest informally. Summed Survey LTD, agents for the owners, confirmed that this was the case. Although they had advised the owners to proceed "as there was a chance that the application might be successful" the owners had decided against it.

Christo and Co, letting agents for the office space on the ground floor of Stag Court, may have inadvertently contributed to a rumour that the proposed supermarket was a branch of Tesco. John Morrell from Christo told *THE ARCHER* that the planning application was in fact an appeal, which had been turned down by Barnet.

However, Barnet informed us that Christo was probably getting mixed up with an application to open a Tesco on Ballards Lane. The planning committee had indeed turned down that application, and the subsequent appeal last year.



The ground floor of Stag Court is still vacant. Photo by John Lawrence

## Win tickets to see Prunella Scales

Best known for her role as Sybil in *Fawlty Towers*, the much-loved British actress Prunella Scales is to take to the artsdepot stage in North Finchley to explore the lives of English eccentrics, both real and fictional.

In conjunction with artsdepot, we've got two tickets to give away for *An Audience with Prunella Scales and Friends* on Sunday 15 June at 8pm.

In this lighthearted performance, Prunella Scales explores the world of eccentrics through readings drawn from prose, poetry, biographies and diaries, interspersed with limericks, anecdotes, and quotations. Accompanied by fellow actor Clive Conway on flute, and Christine Croshaw on piano, she introduces the audience to a wealth of colourful and remarkable English characters who have enlivened and entertained us through the ages.

### English eccentrics

The performance includes stories of odd and endearing characters such as Joshua Norton, self-proclaimed Emperor of the United States of America; William Cope, the Green Man of Brighton; William Buckland, who ate anything and everything from a bluebottle to the heart of King Louis XIV. There are also stories of more familiar names such as Lewis Carroll, Dr. Samuel Johnson, Sir Thomas Beecham, Lord Byron, Beau Brummell, Dr William Spooner, and Oscar Wilde.

Tickets for the show are priced £19 (£17 concessions) and are available from the artsdepot box office on 020 8369 5454 or online at [www.artsdepot.co.uk](http://www.artsdepot.co.uk).

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For your chance to win a free pair of tickets, answer this question: To which British actor is Prunella Scales married?

Send your answers to *THE ARCHER*, PO Box 3699, London N2 8JA or by email to [the-archer@lineone.net](mailto:the-archer@lineone.net). The winner will be drawn at random from all postal and email entries after the closing date of Monday 26 May. Please remember to include contact details on your entry.

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The Chief Executive, Film Programmer, Trustees and other colleagues will be there and to round off the afternoon at 4pm the cinema is showing Neil Jordan's *The End Of The Affair*, a scene of which was filmed in the Phoenix auditorium.

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