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Finchley Police 020 8442 1212
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❖ **Toy library**, Muswell Hill 020 8444 0244/ 8489 8774

Developers plan to build on Budgens car park

By Richard Cranum

For the eighth time in as many years, a developer has made a planning application to build a block of flats behind Budgens, taking up most of the car park.

There are concerns that the new block of flats would leave little room for shoppers to park, which could severely affect the financial viability of Budgens and Iceland. Furthermore, the building footprint will severely impede deliveries.

Opponents of the plan say that, if the supermarkets cease to trade, commerce in the High Road would be affected badly, and East Finchley could be reduced to a Muswell Hill dormitory area, a devastating outcome for the whole community.

Annual "harassment"

This latest planning application is hardly different to the previous seven, all of which were either refused or withdrawn. Planners do not take previous objections into account, however, so residents and businesses directly affected will have to repeat their objections.

One resident said: "It seems like this company is going to continue making applications until by attrition they finally succeed in getting their way. There should be a limit on the number

of planning applications that can be made for a given proposal. It is not fair that we should be subject to this never-ending harassment, year after year."

Property blight concerns

If this application succeeds, residents of Viceroy Close will suffer from noise, dirt and dust created by the building site. Following this, the multi-storey block directly in front of them will obscure their light and view. Furthermore, access to residents' parking spaces and garages will inevitably be compromised, because of the restricted parking available for shoppers. Worse still is the possibility that, in the current economic climate, the building work may not start for several years, reducing the value of their properties.

Advertising in

THE ARCHER

Please note that all advertising requests and instructions for our August issue need to reach us by 6 July. We regret that we will not be able to accept any August requests later than that date.

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

38a Church Lane, N2
Creation of first floor roof terrace and installation of privacy screening.

146 High Road, N2
Change of use from Estate Agent (Class A2) to a Mini Cab office.

152 High Road, N2
Installation of an awning blind fitted under shop fascia.

Land Adjacent to 373 High Road, N2

Replacement of existing hoarding with new 96 sheet hoarding.

72 Leicester Road, N2
Conversion of existing dwelling into two self-contained flats.

Viceroy Close, N2
Erection of a four storey block containing nine self-contained

units and 6 associated car parking spaces.

Haringey Council

44 Beech Drive, N2
Erection of double-leaf automatic vehicle gates to existing driveway entrances onto Beech Drive and Creighton Avenue, N2.

Fortismere School North Wing, Creighton Avenue, N10
Demolition of existing music teaching rooms and two temporary buildings and erection of new music teaching faculty.

32 Western Road, N2
Certificate of Lawfulness for ground floor rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable space. Erection of rear and side dormer windows and insertion of rooflights to front and rear roof slopes.

Drug dealer sentenced

By Janet Maitland

A drug dealer has been sentenced to five years in prison after being convicted of two counts of possession with intent to supply cocaine and heroin. Takan Omer, 46, pleaded not guilty but on 2 April he was found guilty by the jury's unanimous verdict.

Officers from Barnet Police had mounted an intelligence-led operation to capture Omer. On 17 July last year he was seen selling drugs to a woman in Long Lane. The following day he was seen again dealing drugs in Tally Ho, North Finchley, and made off in his car.

During the pursuit, Omer

threw 11 wraps of crack cocaine out of the car, which were later recovered by police. When stopped, two packs of heroin were found in his car.

"This was an excellent intelligence driven operation that has removed these deadly drugs from the streets of the borough," said DI Caer Taylor of Barnet Police.

Timing is everything

How do you ensure that THE ARCHER hears about a local occasion in time to cover it or publicise it? How can you get your passionate letter into the very next issue?

The answer lies just inside the front cover, at the bottom of page two. 'Copy deadline' means the final date for THE ARCHER to receive what you have written.

For example, a What's On announcement for an event in early August should reach THE ARCHER by 12 June, nearly two months in advance, if it's to give

readers plenty of notice by being included in the July issue.

Ideally, though, written material needs to arrive some days before the deadline, to allow enough time for any changes to be made or queries settled. So, please think ahead, and you might find yourself in print with perfect timing.

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