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Planning Applications

Barnet Council
45 Bancroft Avenue, N2
Two-storey rear extension.
88 Church Lane, N2

Conversion of first floor into two residential units with associated extension to roof, including rear dormer window to facilitate loft conversion.

Change of use of ground floor from A2 (Professional Services) to B1 (Light Industrial). Associated single-storey side and rear extension. Relocation of existing access to rear. New parapet wall to elevation adjacent to 90 Church Lane.

42 Church Vale, N2
Two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension. Extension to roof, including three dormer windows.

25 Howard Walk, N2
Proposed rear dormer window added to existing loft room.

1 Ludlow Way, N2
Single-storey rear extension, internal refurbishment and changes to fenestration.

39A Sedgemere Avenue, N2
Roof extension involving rear dormer window to facilitate loft conversion.

Haringey Council
Bomarsund, 94 Fortis Green, N2

Erection of front boundary wall matching imperial gaunt bricks. Provision of timber gates.

26 Ringwood Avenue, N2
Erection of single storey rear extension, addition of two side dormers and one rear dormer with alterations to entrance/internal alterations.

Artsdepot funding to be cut

By Janet Maitland

Barnet Council has announced plans to cut all core funding to artsdepot, the arts centre in North Finchley, from April 2011. The centre provides a wide variety of theatre, children's shows, comedy, dance, visual arts and music. It also runs a diverse range of courses and outreach programmes and has been recognised by the Mayor of London as a beacon of excellence.

"If this goes through, Barnet will be one of the largest councils in the country to spend nothing on the arts," said Nigel Cutting, the centre's director.

In the last financial year, artsdepot received £194,000 from the council, which is 11% of the annual turnover. About 25% of artsdepot's income comes from private trusts and foundations who value its work. The rest comes from box office sales and hires.

In 2009/2010 more than 110,000 people came through artsdepot's doors, while the education and outreach departments worked with groups including young people with disabilities, refugees, young offenders, people with demen-

tia and those excluded from mainstream education.

Shocking

and shortsighted

Nigel Cutting said that he was shocked by the proposal as he had been in constant dialogue with Barnet Council for the last six months, but at no time had it been suggested that funding would be withdrawn in 2011. "Arts provision will need to take a share of the cuts, but this is hugely disproportionate and shortsighted, especially since artsdepot is a council initiative," he said.

Artsdepot is urging anyone concerned about this decision to sign the online petition, a link to which can be found at www.artsdepot.co.uk and to write to local councillors.

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