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## New vision for Stanley Field

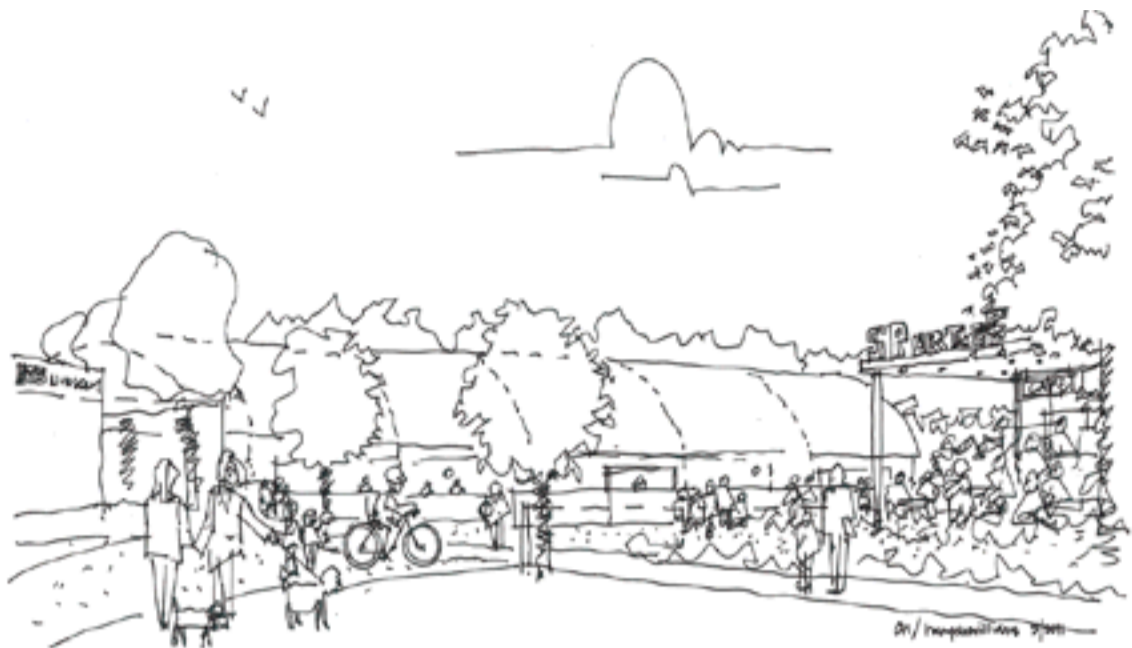
The architects behind the plans for new sports facilities on Stanley Road playing field have released new images of how the site could look. One new perspective shows the entrance to the field near Holy Trinity School with one of the covered sports courts in the background and a café on the right.

Chris Hampson, of Hampson Williams architects, said Sport EF, the residents' group promoting the scheme, had been racing to prepare its bid for submission to Barnet Council at the end of last month.

Now Sport EF is calling on all residents to show their support for the sports plan by signing the online petition,

taking part in the survey at [www.stanleyroadsports.org](http://www.stanleyroadsports.org) and by writing directly to Barnet Council.

Sport EF hopes Stanley Field will become a home to football, tag rugby, netball, basketball, hockey, tennis, baseball, softball and rounders, and a much-treasured facility for everyone in East Finchley.



Plans for new facilities on Stanley Road



The year eight students from Fortismere with Ralph Petrie and Peter Crompton.

## Fortismere students design sports venue

Under the direction of teachers Ralph Petrie and Peter Crompton, year eight students at Fortismere School have designed their ideal community sports venue for the Stanley Road playing field. The students conducted research and had help and advice from Sarah Fawcus and Somi Delano, two civil engineers from Price & Myers. They then produced designs called The Glass Finch Arena, inspired by a finch's wing, and the Star.

The 'wing' design recently won the London and South-East final of Create Sport Challenge, a competition to design a sports venue run by the Institution of Civil Engineers and the students were awarded a trophy and a tour of the London Olympics site. The judges were impressed by their use of an existing site in need of development for the local community. The national final will be held later this month.

## Fire in Leslie Road

Four fire engines and around 20 firefighters were called to a fire in a first-floor maisonette in Leslie Road in East Finchley on 19 May. Part of the flat and part of the roof was damaged by the fire. There were no reports of any injuries. "There was no one at home," said a neighbour. "Someone called the fire brigade when they saw smoke billowing out of the window." The cause of the blaze is under investigation.

## Memories of Finchley Lido

Before the Leisure Park was built just across the North Circular, swimmers and sunbathers came from all over London to the Finchley Lido, an outdoor swimming pool used in the 1948 Olympics. There was a companion children's pool, opened by the Lord Mayor of London. Both dated from the 1930s, and were demolished amid a storm of protest in 1995.

Mike Gee is writing a book about the Lido and the surrounding open space, known as the Glebelands. If you have any memories, stories or photos you would like to share, please get in touch with Mike. Photos will be immediately copied and returned. Contact him at 32 Long Lane, N3 2PU, [mikegee1967@aol.com](mailto:mikegee1967@aol.com) or 020 8346 5503.

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