



# Sports talks as bidders line up for Stanley Field

By Daphne Chamberlain

We now know the names of the three bidders for the site of Stanley Road Playing Field. They are Fairview Homes, Croudace Homes and One Housing Group. All three had a preliminary meeting with Sport East Finchley and Barnet Council on 18 January. Each bidder offers some sports facilities as well as housing.

Sport EF's Roger Chapman told *THE ARCHER*: "We are now in a negotiation, where Barnet Council is working with us and the three developers to see if they can amend their bids to meet further some of the sports requirements we have."

"We have committed to nothing except having discussions to find out what the bottom lines might be. No conditions have been imposed on us. The council anticipates getting in a renewed set of bids from those already selected within three months after discussions with us."

### Backers might reject mixed development

As we reported last month, Barnet did not agree with Sport EF's bid to develop the whole site as a multi-sports facility, but did recognise "significant levels of public concern and involvement".

Sport EF's business plan

was backed by several sporting organisations; how these potential backers will react to a mixed development is not known at the time of writing. Roger Chapman told *THE ARCHER* that Sport EF would be meeting them later in January.

### Local involvement

Meanwhile, it is important for local people to stay involved. Sport EF need to know our views on how they should go forward. They will report back on all emerging proposals at a public meeting on Thursday 23 February, 7.30-9pm, at the Constitutional Club, The Walks, N2.

Keep up-to-date on www.stanleyroadsports.org and www.facebook.com/pages/Stanley-Road-Playing-Field-East-Finchley/200473973296586, and come to the meeting to make your views known.

# Waitrose on the Broadway

Waitrose is coming to Muswell Hill. Haringey Council has approved the supermarket's application to take over the site of the Slug and Lettuce pub/restaurant on the Broadway.

The Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association have asked the Council to make it a condition that the main delivery will be before 7am. This is to safeguard the safety and convenience of passengers using the very busy bus stop just outside.

MHFGA have also asked whether consideration has been given to making smaller deliveries at the rear of the premises.

As long-time readers of *THE ARCHER* may remember, East Finchley had a branch of Waitrose in the 1920s.



Martin School headteacher Helen Morrison (centre) celebrates an 'outstanding' Ofsted result with staff and pupils.

# Ofsted success for Martin Primary School

By Frances Buckingham

Teachers, governors, parents and children at Martin Primary School are celebrating after being judged to be 'outstanding' by Ofsted. Only 6% of primary schools in the country received this highest grading.

At the inspection in December 2011, Ofsted described the headteacher's leadership as "inspirational" and praised the "exceptionally strong" support provided by the leadership team and the governing body.

Inspectors found the majority of lessons observed to be outstanding, commenting that "pupils learn very well because teachers plan work that is interesting and fun" and noting the "rigorous approach to monitoring the quality of teaching and learning".

As a result, inspectors found standards to be "above

average" and pupil progress to be "consistently outstanding", including for those with special educational needs, new to English and those deemed vulnerable. Inspectors particularly praised language development in the Early Years.

In addition, the school could not have scored higher for safeguarding and personal development. The inspectors described safeguarding as "exemplary", a very rare judgement. Inspectors praised the "harmonious community" created by the school, and also described pupils' behaviour and attitudes to learning as "exemplary". They also recognised that parent and carers held the school in very high regard and were "incredibly supportive of the school".

### Delighted reactions

Helen Morrison, who took up her post as headteacher in September 2008, said: "We are delighted with the fabulous

judgement which is a result of the dedication and hard work of the whole school community over the last three years. When appointed I knew that this school had the potential to be 'outstanding' and I am thrilled that we have achieved this."

Catrin Dillon, Chair of Governors, added: "The verdict of the Ofsted inspectors echoes what our school community has felt for a long time. The governing body is delighted that the exceptional work of Helen and her team has been recognised in this way."

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