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Planning Applications

Barnet Council

27 Abbots Gardens, N2

Change of use of existing garage space to provide extra habitable space for family dwelling house, change to fenestrations, construction of one new skylight.

37 Abbots Gardens, N2

First-floor side extension and new decking in rear garden.

89 Abbots Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

139 Abbots Gardens, N2

Part single, part two-storey rear extension, including new windows at first-floor side elevation. Removal of existing rear dormer to be replaced with roof light.

86 Church Lane, N2

Extend opening hours of the property.

253 Creighton Avenue, N2

First-floor side extension and alterations to ground-floor rear pitched roof.

First-Floor Flat, 26 Cromwell Close, N2

Extensions to roof, including side and rear dormer window to create rooms in roof space, facilitating loft conversion.

163 East End Road, N2

Two-storey side and single-storey front extension.

47 Heath View, N2

Altering garage roof to pitched roof with two roof lights and glazed canopy at rear, and associated works to facilitate conversion into a habitable room. Addition of solar panels and a flue on main roof.

19 Hertford Road, N2

Non-material minor amendment to previously approved planning permission Ref: F/03798/11 dated: 7/11/2011 for "Single storey side and rear extension". Amendment to include: "dark grey slate roof instead of glass roof".

22 Howard Walk, N2

Extension to roof, including rear dormer and roof light to east side elevation to facilitate a loft conversion. Insertion of one window at west side elevation and one window at east side elevation to replace existing door, enlargement of ground-floor window at

rear elevation, addition of two roof lights to existing flat roof. New SVP to side elevation and associated works.

2 Huntingdon Road, N2

Single-storey side extension.

1 King Street, N2

First-floor rear extension.

Land adjoining north side of 60 Lankaster Gardens, N2

Change of use of office space into a child day-care centre/day nursery with alterations at rear elevation, including reversing position of access steps to building on ground floor, for ease of access to proposed outdoor play area. Replacement of existing balustrade for railing to first floor roof terrace to glazed railings.

70 Lincoln Road, N2

Side rear extension.

348 Long Lane, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

390 Long Lane, N2

Two-storey side and rear extension. Single-storey rear extension.

Gable Lodge, 30 The Bishops Avenue, N2

Single-storey side extension. Single-storey glass infill extension at rear. Extension and alterations to rear terrace level. Two-storey side extension. Extension and alterations to rear terrace level. Single-storey glass infill extension at rear. Extension of existing brick flank wall and associated works.

Haringey Council

33 Bancroft Avenue, N2

Conversion of garage, erection of single-storey rear orangery extension and first-floor front extension, formation of side and rear dormers and insertion of front and rear roof lights.

23 Twyford Avenue, N2

Insertion of three roof lights to front roof slope and one roof light to rear roof slope, alterations to side fenestration, and formation of side dormer.

Flat 7, Whittington Court, Aylmer Road N2

Replacement of existing Crittal windows/doors to front/rear with PVC double glazed windows/doors.

Library to stay open at lunchtime

By Daphne Chamberlain
East Finchley Library is open at lunchtime once again. Barnet Council told THE ARCHER that this is "part of the service's drive to increase opening hours (as specified in the Library Strategy)". An increase? Until 2006, the library always was open throughout the day. Then closing came in "as a response to budget pressures". Many people wondered at the time how closing for one hour would save money.

Changed criteria

We knew that there were staff cuts. So have there now been staff increases? Barnet said no, and stated that none of the former staff from Hampstead Garden Suburb library, which is now being run on a voluntary basis, were involved. Has the minimum staffing level changed? Barnet said: "We operate on a staffing level that is appropriate for the size and nature of the library building, and which corresponds to the activities taking place within the site on any given day."

The council said there "was lots of demand from the public over the course of several years, and so it was something that we were keen to make happen." Well, East Finchley has always been keen to see it happen. So, take note. The revised library hours are 9.30am to 5pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9.30am to 8pm on Wednesday, and 10am to 5pm on Friday (closed Sunday and Monday).

Floral facelift for tube station

By Sheila Armstrong

The news from N2 Gardeners following our front page story last month is that planting has started to put East Finchley in the running for the Station in Bloom competition.

Readers will have noticed that the ticket hall pots have been planted up with a mixture of ferns, palms and red begonias and busy Lizzies. At the time of writing, plans were for the big tubs on the platforms and the front of the station to be planted up too.

Sponsorship for this floral facelift has come from London Underground and the East Finchley Community Trust, amongst others. Commuters arriving home at the station also donated about £70 in one evening alone.

The N2 Gardeners are very grateful for all donations and to all the sponsors, but still need more donations to cover costs and to give East Finchley the best chance of winning the competition.

Donations can be made direct by BACS into the N2 Gardeners' account using the following details: The Co-operative Bank - East Finchley Community Trust; sort code 08-92-99; account number 65444614; please use the word 'Station' in your payment reference.

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