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Please get in touch if you

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Planning Applications

Barnet Council

First Floor Flat, 8 Baronsmere Road, N2

Alterations to roof, including rear dormer and roof lights to front to facilitate a loft conversion.

66 Bedford Road, N2

Demolition of existing conservatory, and erection of a single-storey rear extension with patio area.

Workshop rear of 7 Church Lane, N2

Change of use from Class B2 (Joinery shop) to Class D2 (Martial Arts Studio)

97 Leslie Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension, with a staircase and handrail at first-floor level.

3A Sedgemere Avenue, N2

Extensions to roof including rear dormer windows with balcony to rear elevation and roof lights to front elevation to facilitate a loft conversion.

Land rear of 2 Market Place, Viceroy Close, N2

Material minor amendment to Appeal Decision APP/N5090/A10/2140752 dated 27/05/11 (planning application F/03625/10) for 'Erection of two new town houses on vacant land'.

Amendments to include correct

site area as 194.31sqm (previously submitted as 205sqm); minor alterations to fenestration layout; provision of enclosed bin facilities; new first-floor roof including alterations to slope; roof above study room at first floor to be a lead flashing roof; alterations to terrace railing and enlargement of terraces; replacement of Sedum roof above first-floor projections with lead roof including installation of solar-thermal panels and access ladder from first-floor terrace.

Haringey Council

28 Church Vale, N2

Erection of rear ground-floor extension, alteration of roof from hip to gable, enlargement of existing rear dormer and insertion of two roof lights to front roof slope, one roof light to rear roof slope, and obscure glazed window to new side.

1 Midhurst Avenue, N10

Erection of rear dormer to facilitate a loft conversion

3 Sussex Gardens, N6

Conversion of integral garage into habitable living space

2 Twyford Avenue, N2

Insertion of two Velux windows to front roof slope, erection of rear dormer with Juliet balcony, and extension of side gable.

Festival date in the diary

The East Finchley Community Festival will take place this year on Sunday 24 June. Stalls, live entertainment and food and drink will make the party go with a swing in Cherry Tree Wood.

Application forms for stallholders have gone out via email. If you are not on the regular database and are interested in a stall, you can email eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com for information.

The organisers of the festival have managed to keep it a free event for over 35 years. It has never been granted aid by Barnet

Council and is run entirely by local volunteers. On the day, at least 50 volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets, steward the event or help in the bar. If you can spare an hour during the day and make a contribution to the success of the festival, ring 07983 360 834 or email the same address: eastfinchleyfestival@gmail.com

Parks for hire

The Finchley Society has written to Barnet Council to raise concerns about the proposal to make Victoria Park, off Long Lane, and Lyttelton Playing Fields, off Lyttelton Road, available for private hire.

In a seven-point letter, chairman David Smith states that while the Society understands that this is "being promoted as a money-raising exercise so that the burden on the shoulders of council tax payers is alleviated" the plan "should be discussed in a constructive and co-operative way, involving the Local Authority and 'stakeholders', i.e. The Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association, FORAB, and The Finchley

Society."

He calls for residents' associations to be involved in discussions about park projects so their voices are heard. Only then could the London Borough of Barnet be seen to be "Putting the Community First".

The Society asks anyone living in Finchley who feels they may be affected by these changes to local parks to contact them or local residents' groups.

Don't lose your TV stations

In April 2012 all TV is going digital. The existing analogue TV signal will be switched off and replaced with a new, stronger digital TV signal. If you have an analogue TV (five channels or fewer), you will need to convert your TV or you will lose channels at switchover.

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