



# Uncertainty surrounds plans for park pavilion

By Diana Cormack

**An application for change of use regarding the pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood has not met with the approval of some residents or The Finchley Society's Greenacre Project.**

A notice dated 8 August proposed "change of use from existing Pavilion to A3 (Café), including new glazed windows and doors and incorporation of landscaped area for tables and chairs" (Ref: F/02410/13).

### Extra time for comments

Any comments had to be submitted by 12 September. However, at the time of writing, it seemed that the planning office was offering an extension as a courtesy after alleged discrepancies regarding landscaping details and possible irregularities in the consultation process.

with regard to changes in the character or use of the building and its surrounds.

### Concerns

There are concerns that the landscaping could encroach upon protected woodland. In a letter published in last November's *ARCHER* the leaseholder Pepe Dostizad, of The Village Bakery, stated that "the refurbishment will not mean the removal or damage of any trees".

There are also concerns about comments in the proposals such as "it is not likely that there will be any

cooking at the proposed café" (which is described as a simple café) and "at this stage, it is anticipated that no more than one, or possibly two, vehicles per week will be required".

Whilst

some see it as a potentially damaging to the area, bringing unwanted traffic, noise, smells and security problems, others feel that the refurbishment of the pavilion will turn what has become an eyesore into an attractive and useful facility for park users.



A blot on the landscape? Photo Diana Cormack

In August 2012 *THE ARCHER*'s front page featured Barnett's intention to grant a 25-year lease on the pavilion, which has become increasingly dilapidated over the last 30 years. It is sited on Metropolitan Open land so is subject to planning restrictions



Headteacher Mick Quigley welcomes students and parents as they arrive on the first day. Photo by Philip Vile

# Excitement as Archer Academy welcomes its first students

By Cathy Halstead

**Headteacher Mick Quigley and his deputy Lucy Harrison were at the gate to welcome each student personally as the Archer Academy opened its doors for the first time on 9 September.**

After a welcome assembly, the students split into their tutor groups and were later joined by governors and founders for a whole school photograph. All 150 places for the first intake have been filled, and the students allocated into six tutor groups of 25 students.

### Enthusiasm

Mick Quigley spoke of the atmosphere on the first day, saying "It was wonderful to see our first students arriving for the first time this morning, so full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. Our staff have worked so hard to get everything ready and the excitement in the air was palpable.

"As we all stood together for our first ever Archer Academy photo it already felt like an established school; I am so proud to be leading it and

will work hard to ensure it lives up to our community's high expectations."

Chair of governors Avis Johns, who spearheaded the campaign for a new local school and whose daughter is one of the first students, said: "It is hard to believe that in just two short years we have gone from talking about a lack of secondary school places for our community to creating a brand new school from scratch. We are so grateful to everyone who has helped us along our journey; we would like to assure you that the best is yet to come."

### Open evening

The school will hold an open evening on Wednesday 9 October, from 6pm - 8.30pm, which prospective students and parents are welcome to attend. Year 7 students will be

offering tours of the school, giving attendees the chance to explore the classrooms and take part in some activities, as well as meeting the teachers and governors.

There will also be a series of open mornings for Year 6 parents and students starting on 10 October. Parents are invited to call 020 8365 4110 to book a place. For more information on the programme of events for 2014 admissions visit [www.thearcheracademy.org.uk](http://www.thearcheracademy.org.uk)

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