



How a rebuilt Old Barn could look

By Janet Maitland

Barnet Council held an exhibition at Martin Primary School on 22 July about its plans to demolish the Old Barn on Tarling Road and replace it with a new community centre (*THE ARCHER*, July 2015).

Every household within a third of a mile from the site was sent a letter of invitation to come and review the draft plans or look at them on the council website and email their views by 29 July. Residents have been told that even if they missed the deadline, they will be "offered more opportunities to provide feedback after the planning application has been lodged during September".

If you don't live close to Tarling Road, you can still make your views known. There will be a four week consultation period, when you can write to the council, after the application has been made.

You can also look at the plans and take part in a survey sponsored by the Big Local by going to www.grangebiglocal.org. That survey will continue during August and the results will be sent to the council.

More space for all

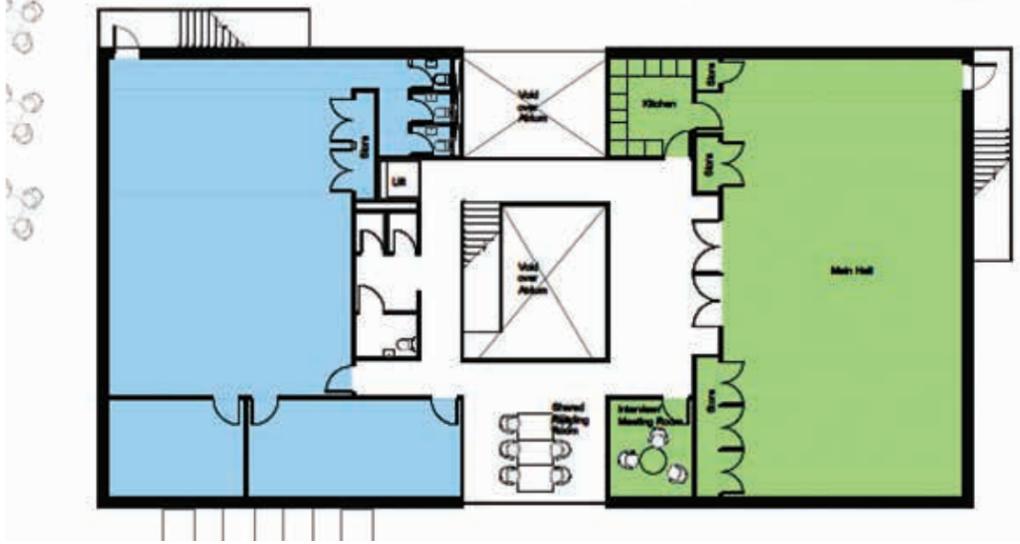
The council originally planned to refurbish the Old Barn and build a new wing intended primarily for the Somali Bravanese community, whose centre on Coppetts Road, Muswell Hill was burnt down in an arson attack in June 2013. Unresolved issues about the land and talks with interested groups, however, have led to the new plans.

As the new building will have two storeys, much of the existing adjacent green space can be retained and improved.

"The design will provide shared space and facilities for community groups and meet the council's commitment to re-provide facilities to the Somali Bravanese Welfare Group, many of whom are local to the area, following the arson attack on their facilities," said a council spokesperson.



The Old Barn as it is currently (above) and the new plans (below)



Rene is still leading the way



Birthday wishes: Rene Bell with grandson Jason and, standing from left, her son Jonathan and East Finchley Methodist Minister Rev Michael Giles.

On Thursday 2 July Rene Bell celebrated her 102nd birthday with family, friends and Church members at the MHA The Meadows Residential Home, Muswell Hill. Rene is the oldest living East Finchley-born resident and has been an active member at the Methodist Church here her whole life.

Rene retired as a steward when she was 96 and continues to lead and host the Wives Fellowship Group which started in 1949. The group meets bi-weekly and about five ladies from the church and the Meadows home attend.

Talks are given by a wide range of speakers including her own Minister Rev Michael Giles and Rev Mike Long, MHA Chaplain. The sum of their combined ages just about equals Rene's 102 years of life and faithful service.

New club for carers

Barnet Carers are recommending CarerSmart, a new club from Carers Trust. Joining CarerSmart is easy and free, and members can benefit from a wide range of offers. These include cash back on shopping from numerous high street retailers, best rates from energy providers, reductions on insurance renewals, discounts on holidays and travel arrangements, free legal advice services, and reduced-price lifestyle activities. Details from www.carersmart.org.

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www.eastfinchleybc.org.uk

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