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Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162
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Library consultation:

how to fill out the form

Barnet Council's consultation on our libraries' future runs till 22 February. The East Finchley Library Users' Group is claiming that some questions are worded so that answers can innocently give the council data that can be used to justify cuts. Here is a summary of the group's advice on answering.

Q6: Don't answer! This would rank which days you want the library to be staffed. It could be used to justify reducing hours on particular days.

Q7: Don't answer! This asks you to choose a time of day when you want libraries to be staffed.

EFLUG believe that libraries should be accessible to all groups, and open as long as possible. Different people use the library at different times. Unstaffed opening times would restrict the time children can use the library, and also deter elderly and vulnerable people, and people with disabilities.

Q8: Tick 'I would not feel confident at all' and put your reasons in the comments box at Q10. This asks how you feel about an unstaffed library. Barnet has not explained how an unstaffed building would be either safe or secure.

Q9: Respond with 'I would not feel confident at all'. An unstaffed library would offer neither the same level of service, nor be as safe as a staffed building.

Q23: Tick 'Another option' and explain in the Q24 comments box why you oppose all three options. This key question forces you to rank in order the council's three options, which for East Finchley are: Option 1, Reducing floor space to approximately the size of the current computer room, and possibly relocating to another building. Opening hours longer, but only staffed for 33% of the time; Option 2, Library closed; Option 3, Offered to community to be run entirely by volunteers, but with same reduced size as Option 1, and also possibly relocated.

EFLUG believe all three options are bad, and oppose them all.

Q25: Say no! This asks if you would be interested in volunteering. While volunteers can be good if trained and supported, they should not take the place of paid professional staff. There is no comments box to express this distinction.

Q27: Say no! This asks if you would be interested in running a community library. It could give Barnet an argument to deny this community a key service, available free of charge in other parts of the borough (paid for by your council tax). Librarians would be put out of a job. A community library should only ever be a last resort.

The consultation is available in paper form in the library, and online at <http://engage.barnet.gov.uk>

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

45 Brownswell Road, N2
Single-storey rear extension
183 East End Road, N2
Change of use from Use Class B1 (office) to Use Class C3 (residential) to provide one unit.

Flat 3, 42 Fortis Green, N2
Extension to roof, including rear dormer and three front roof lights to facilitate loft conversion.

58-60 High Road, N2
Part single, part two-storey rear extension, to provide two self-contained residential units.
Conversion of existing dwelling into two self-contained flats, including construction of additional storey.

158 High Road, N2
New shop front and shutters.

401 High Road, N2
Six pole-mounted antennas and two 300mm diameter dishes on rooftop. Four ground-based cabinets along southern boundary of building and development ancillary thereto.

49 Huntingdon Road, N2
Single-storey side infill and rear extension. Enlargement of existing rear dormer window to facilitate an extension to existing loft conversion.

75 Huntingdon Road, N2
Single storey side/rear extension, following demolition of existing conservatory.

Strawberry Vale Estate, N2, 1-29
Brook Walk, 1-27 Nursery Road, 1-42 Stable Walk

Replacing existing single-glazed windows and doors with new double-glazed.

4 The Leys, N2
Extending rear patio, side and rear dormers to facilitate loft conversion. New soil vent pipe and rear door.

Haringey Council
27 Annington Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Reaching beyond rear wall by 3.8m. Max height 3.9m. Eaves height 3m. 93 Fortis Green, N2
Listed building consent to replace plastic weatherboarding at front with wooden.

Ground floor flat, 28 Lauradale Road, N2
Single-storey rear extension.

Hair expert

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Can you help with this essential task? Please email us at the-archer@lineone.net, leave a message on our Free-phone number 0800 612 0748 or drop us a line on Facebook or Twitter @TheArcherN2.

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