

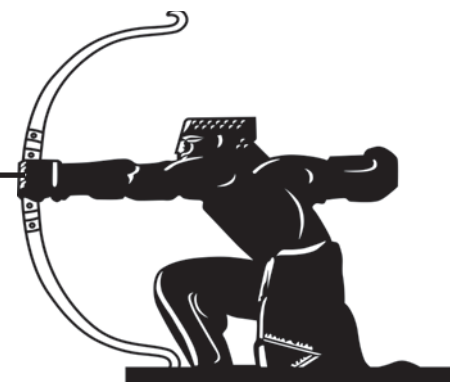


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# The Archer

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## Changes for bus and cycle lanes

By John Lawrence

**Barnet Council is planning changes to the new bus and cycle lane layouts that were installed in East Finchley in October following a flood of complaints about their impact on traffic congestion and parking.**

Huge queues have built up frequently on the northbound approach to the High Road and Fortis Green junction after vehicles other than buses and bicycles were restricted to one lane, and in both directions on the A1000 bridge over the North Circular where there are also lane reductions.

Barnet Council told The Archer that its officers were looking at adjustments to the 'experimental' road layout in these areas. "Minor alterations may also be made to the design on the approaches to these junctions, to further reduce congestion," said a spokesman. However, the scheme is here

to stay, certainly for the next 18 months. "We are conducting a long-term review and monitoring of the impact of the temporary bus and cycle lanes including uptake, traffic flow, commute times and air pollution along the routes. It will take some time to collect and review the data. We expect to decide on their future during the 18-month experimental period," said the spokesman. Some have welcomed the new lanes for giving cyclists safer spaces while others have pointed out that the lanes are not continuous, forcing cyclists to move in and out of the traffic flow.

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**Season's greetings: Everyone on The Archer team wishes a happy festive season to all our readers, deliverers and advertisers. We thank you for your tremendous support throughout this difficult year and it is our heartfelt hope that 2021 will bring brighter times for us all. Enjoy celebrating with family and friends if you can and please remember to share some Christmas joy with anyone who may be spending the season on their own. Our Christmas card has been designed by Mike Coles.**

## Films make way for food at Phoenix

By Ruth Anders

**The food share project being run by a group of local chefs and volunteers from East Finchley Neighbourhood Support group (The Archer, November 2020) is taking off after the Phoenix Cinema stepped in to become a distribution point for families in need.**

Chef Giuseppe Sollo, co-chef Viola Slodzinska and nutritionist Vincenzo Napoleano are leading the team seeking to help families who may go hungry, particularly if children are not receiving school meals over the holiday period.

The link-up with the Phoenix came after a recent online meeting of business and community network N2United where Alison Roberts of East Finchley Neighbourhood Support group appealed for empty High Road premises from which to supply meals.



Sharing chef: Giuseppe Sollo

The Phoenix lost no time in getting the ball rolling and, from 15 December, it will operate as

a pick-up point for the meals and food packages being cooked up by the culinary team. Local schools will promote the service and families in N2 will benefit.

Giuseppe said: "We're very grateful to the Phoenix! Our food will be nutritious and tasty, and we want recipient families to take part in shaping the menus, telling us what they like and how we can improve."

You can make donations to support this project by going to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and searching for 'East Finchley Neighbourhood Support'.

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