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## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

|                                       |                                      |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Councils</b>                       | <b>Help &amp; Advice</b>             | <b>Drugs Helpline</b> 0800 776600    |
| <b>Barnet Council</b> 020 8359 2000   | Childline 0800 1111                  | Health Info Service 0800 665544      |
| Recycling & refuse 020 8359 4600      | Citizens Advice Barnet 0300 4568365  | MIND 020 8343 5700                   |
| Benefits 0800 882200                  | Cruse Bereavement Care 0808 8081677  | National Blood Centre 0845 7711 7711 |
| <b>Haringey Council</b> 020 8489 0000 | EF Advice Service 0300 4568365       |                                      |
| Recycling & refuse 020 88857700       | Lone Parent Centre 020 3828 4834     | <b>Crime</b>                         |
| Benefits 020 8489 2800                | Missing Persons Helpline 116 000     | Emergency 999                        |
|                                       | National Debt Line 0808 156 7718     | Police non-emergency 101             |
| <b>Leisure</b>                        | NSPCC 0808 8005000                   | CrimeStoppers 0800 555111            |
| Alexandra Palace 020 8365 2121        | Rape Crisis helpline 0808 802 9999   | Victim Support 0845 303 0900         |
| East Finchley Library 020 8359 3815   | Refuge Crisis Helpline 0808 2000 247 |                                      |
| Everyman, Muswell Hill 0872 436 9060  | Relate Helpline 0300 100 1234        | <b>Hospitals</b>                     |
| Garden Suburb Library 020 8458 3301   | RSPCA 0300 1234 999                  | NHS 111                              |
| Muswell Hill Library 020 8489 8773    | Samaritans 116 123                   | Barnet General 08451 114000          |
| Phoenix Cinema 020 8444 6789          | SENDIASS Barnet 020 8359 7637        | Edgware General 020 8952 2381        |
| Vue, North Finchley 0345 3084620      | SENDIASS Haringey 020 3667 5233      | Finchley Memorial 020 8349 7500      |
|                                       |                                      | Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343        |
| <b>Transport</b>                      | <b>Health Advice</b>                 | Royal Free 020 7794 0500             |
| BR Enquiries 0845 7484950             | AIDSLINE 020 8363 2141               | Whittington 020 7272 3070            |
| City Airport 020 7646 0088            | Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 7697555    |                                      |
| Heathrow Airport 0844 3351801         | Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688          | <b>OAPs' Advice</b>                  |
| National Express 0871 781 8181        | Cancer Support 020 8202 2211         | Age UK Barnet 020 8203 5040          |
| TfL 0343 222 1234                     | Carers' Line 0808 808 7777           | Independent Age 0800 319 6789        |
| Thameslink 0345 026 4700              | Drinkline 0800 917 8282              | Age UK 0800 169 2081                 |



Towering: An artist's impression of how the Finchley Central development could look.

# 'Canary Wharf' coming to Finchley Central

By David Melsome

A campaign group called Hands Off Finchley Central has been formed to oppose a major high-rise development that has been proposed for land in and around the area's tube station car park.

The group claims that plans by Transport for London, Barnet Council and construction company Taylor Wimpey for 668 flats, including a 27-storey tower, will overcrowd the area and swamp local facilities like GPs and schools, as well as putting pressure on already congested local roads.

It says only 12 parking spaces would be left at the station for tube commuters. Any

development might also set a precedent for TfL building on other car parks elsewhere on the Northern line, including East Finchley's. A development of 350 homes is already planned for land next to High Barnet tube station.

### Affordable housing shortage remains

Hands Off Finchley Central spokesman Rob White said

the group was not against the provision of badly-needed new housing but did oppose the nature of these particular plans. "This 'intensification', the sinister phrase used by Barnet, will destroy the heart of Finchley Central, by crashing a kind of pound-shop Canary Wharf into a peaceful and diverse suburb," he said.

The group argues that the flats risk becoming so-called shell investments or buy-to-let fodder that won't solve the shortage of affordable housing. It has launched a website and a petition at [www.handsoffincheleycentral.co.uk](http://www.handsoffincheleycentral.co.uk)

Transport for London said three years ago that station car parks represented a "huge opportunity" for new town centre housing. Barnet Council estimates that the Finchley Central development will bring £240 million of investment into the borough and revitalise the town centre.

## Green bin charges

Barnet Council has announced that homeowners will have to pay an annual charge of £70 for their green garden waste bin to be collected from April, despite 82% of respondents to its consultation opposing the charge.

The council claims the charge is in line with other neighbouring councils and will enable investment in other environmental services such as street cleaning and upgrading roads and pavements.

Residents who sign up will receive a sticker to display on their garden waste bin to allow collection crews to identify that they have subscribed to the service. The council says information on registering will be available on its website and on leaflets to be delivered to homes.

## Honours awarded

East Finchley couple Marianne and Peter Summerfield were appointed MBEs in the New Year's Honours list for their services to Holocaust education and awareness, as was Lillian Levy, from Highgate.

John Hajdu, chairman of the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association for the last 17 years, also became a MBE.

## OSTEOPATHY | ACUPUNCTURE

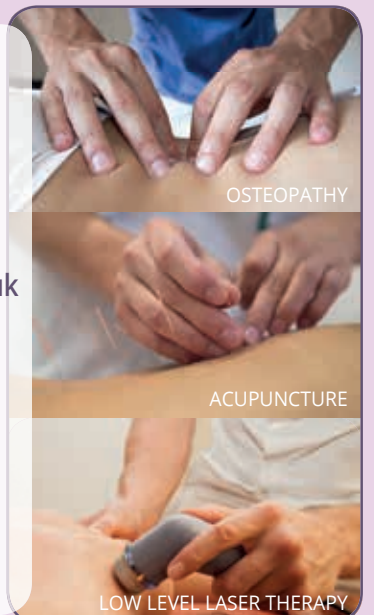
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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Barnet Council

**34 Beresford Road, N2**  
 Roof extension, involving hip to gable, rear L-shaped dormer window with juliet balcony, and two front roof lights.

**64 Fortis Green, N2**  
 Existing dormer window to be replaced with doors. Front and rear roof lights.

**23 Howard Walk, N2**  
 Modifications to rear parapet

of single-storey link between numbers 21 and 23, including repositioning of door.

**410 Long Lane, N2**  
 Roof extension, including rear dormer window and two front roof lights.

**13 Oakview Gardens, N2**  
 Single-storey rear extension.

**Haringey Council**  
**16 Fortis Green Avenue, N2**  
 Single-storey rear extension.

- Beginners -

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