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The new tower block at Prospect Ring Photo Mike Coles

Wraps come off new tower block

By Janet Maitland

After two years under wraps, the new tower block in Prospect Ring has at last emerged from behind its scaffolding. The smart brick building will house almost 200 people in 50 flats. Most of the flats have two bedrooms and are intended for four people. Five of the flats are designed for wheelchair users. All of them are for affordable rent only.

We asked Barnet Homes what the lettings policy will be. They told us: "We will give priority to tenants already living on the estate who have an established housing need (because their current property is not suitable) and are in band one or two of our banding scheme. Properties will then be allocated using Barnet Council's allocations policy for those in housing need."

Local concerns

Eighty-eight people objected to the new tower,

fearing it would have a detrimental impact on light, views, privacy, local services and traffic. There were also concerns about parking because just 24 spaces will be provided for the new development. Density levels were also an issue as the number of habitable rooms was 16% higher than the limit recommended in the London Plan.

Residents on the estate appreciated the need for more housing, but wanted a five-storey building, rather than one that is two storeys higher than the existing tower blocks. Planning permission was

given in June 2018. Approval was influenced partly by the pressing need for more affordable homes in the borough, and partly by the existing two tower blocks, on either side of the new block. The council officer's report said that the third tower would "complement the scale of existing buildings and create some variation in the skyline".

On target

The contractors are currently on target to finish the building by September this year despite the additional pressures caused by Covid-compliant working restrictions.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

62 Abbots Gardens, N2

Demolition of overhanging eaves. New flat roof to rear extension.

42 Baronsmere Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and two front rooflights.

Attic conversion into habitable space, involving rear and side roof windows.

9 Bedford Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window and two front rooflights.

14 Bedford Road, N2

Part single, part two-storey rear extension. Roof extension involving hip to gable and rear dormer window. Solar panels on roof.

32 Bedford Road

Roof extension involving rear dormer window and two front rooflights. Replacement of existing side door with window.

72 Brackenbury Road, N2

Roof extension above existing outrigger, including rear dormer and two flat rooflights. Single-storey rear extension; depth 3.16m, eaves height 2.84m, maximum height 3.56m.

91 Durham Road N2

Single-storey side and rear extension. Associated rooflights.

139 Elmshurst Crescent, N2

Single-storey rear extension. New front porch.

84 Hertford Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension. Lawful Development Certificate for roof extension, including L-shaped rear dormer window and two front rooflights.

63 Huntingdon Road, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormer window, and outrigger roof with three front rooflights.

19 Ingram Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Roof extension, including rear dormer window and two front rooflights.

39 Lincoln Road, N2

Single-storey rear and side extension.

80-83 Long Lane, N2

Listed Building Consent for Demolition.

56 Park Hall Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension; depth 6m, eaves height 3m, maximum height 3m.

21 Sylvester Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension.

Roof extension involving two rear dormer windows and three front rooflights.

51 Sylvester Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension; depth 4.5m, eaves height 3m, maximum height 3m.

1 Thomas More Way, N2

Conversion into eight self-contained flats. Includes demolition of existing second floor and construction of infill storey. Associated amenity space, refuse storage, cycle parking and off-street parking. Alterations to fenestration to all elevations.

Haringey Council

27 Aylmer Road N2

Two-storey, detached house with basement with lightwells, following demolition of existing house.

9 Beech Drive N2

Part-single, part-two storey full-width rear extension. Rear roof dormer extension. Part-single, part-two storey side extension, forward of existing side garage. Front, rear and side roof lights. Replacement and alterations to windows.

16 Southern Road N2

Rear dormer roof extension.

Surge testing begins

As we went to press on this edition, residents in part of East Finchley were being asked to use Covid home-testing kits after the South African mutation was identified in one household in the area.

Barnet Council, working with NHS Test and Trace, was delivering and collecting the PCR tests door-to-door. Anyone over 16 was urged to use one, even if they were not showing symptoms. Residents were advised that testing staff were carrying Barnet Council ID and had no need to enter individual homes.

There is currently no evidence to suggest this mutation

is more serious than others or that it spreads more easily. Positive tests will be sequenced to identify any further spread of the mutation.

Cllr Daniel Thomas, the Leader of Barnet Council, said: "One case of the South African variant of Covid-19 was detected in East Finchley. There is no evidence at present that they have passed the infection further."

East Finchley Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship 10.30 am

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, please visit our website to see whether we are meeting online or in person at the church.

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