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Sunflower that just kept on flowering

Following our article about Teresa Harrison and her 19ft sunflower in last month's edition, reader Kam Kaur sent us this photo of daughter Rhea with the sunflower she grew in their front garden of their home in Fordington Road, N2... displaying an amazing 20 heads.

Kam told us: "We became green fingered during lockdown but sadly our attempts at growing sunflowers last year were unsuccessful. Rhea was eager to try again this year and the results were beyond anything we could have imagined. "We had to give it lots of additional support as it grew so tall! We were amazed to see it continuously grow new heads and

neighbours kept commenting on the 'incredible' 'super flower'. We've never seen anything like it and it's a fantastic memory of Rhea's first sunflower."

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New build: An artist's impression of how the development, centre, would look, looking south past The Bishops Avenue on the right.

Shop, offices and homes planned for substation site

By Diana Cormack

A planning application has been made to redevelop the disused substation site adjacent to 98 Great North Road, situated south of East Finchley tube station, almost diagonally opposite the junction with The Bishops Avenue.

It includes demolition of the existing building, erection of a part-five, part-six storey building and construction of a new retaining wall. This wall will replace the present one supporting the Northern line embankment, and is likely to be a significant piece of work.

The building is likely to have a shop or office on the ground floor, with nine self-contained residential flats above, for which the usual facilities for refuse storage, cycle (not car) and disabled parking spaces will be available.

The property is adjacent to the Great North Road where cycle lanes are in operation at the present time. The lack of parking draws attention to its proximity to East Finchley station and several bus routes.

Future use of part of the ground floor as a commercial unit, possibly a convenience store said to be mirroring those in East Finchley centre, has been suggested. Developers Combined Finchley LLP

say it is hoped that, with the building being set back from the road, most of the mature trees and bushes will remain, with landscaping works and sustainability being a feature of the whole development.

While the flats would provide a wonderful view over Cherry Tree Wood, some local residents and the Friends of Cherry Tree

Wood have expressed concern that there will be a view of flats from the wood where at present only trees are seen.

For more information and to give your feedback on the proposed development, visit Barnet Council's planning site at publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/ online-applications and search for application 21/5217/FUL.



As it is now: The development would replace a derelict substation site alongside the Northern line. Photo Mike Coles.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

2A Bedford Road, N2

Demolition of existing building, and erection of two-storey building to provide 4 flats. Associated parking, site landscaping, refuse and cycle storage

25 Brackenbury Road, N2

Demolition of single-storey projection beyond the rear outrigger, and construction of single-storey side and rear extension.

18 Cecilia Close, N2

Rear canopy.

18 Church Lane, N2

Rear outbuilding.

24B Church Lane, N2

Conversion of ground floor shop/office into one self-contained flat.

260 East End Road, N2

First-floor front extension.

68 Hamilton Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear

dormer window with Juliette balcony and three front-facing roof-lights.

12-18 High Road, N2

Removal of condition 36 (vehicular access) of planning permission dated 17/06/2020 for new development.

154 High Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. New side-collection window and canopy. Various internally illuminated signage.

3 King Street, N2

Part single part two-storey rear extension. Single-storey side extension.

4-5 King Street, N2

Details of conditions for cycle parking/storage and refuse/recycling store pursuant to planning permission.

51 Leicester Road, N2

Roof extension to existing outrigger involving rear dormer window with Juliette balcony, three front-facing conservation rooflights and new side window.

65 Leopold Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

19 Lewis Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

425B Long Lane, N2

One non-illuminated fascia sign. New front entrance door.

13 Thackrah Close, N2

Change of use from residential to office space.

Haringey Council

27 Aylmer Road N2

Demolition of existing property and construction of detached home, comprising basement with lightwells, ground and first floor, plus roof space with front and rear dormers.