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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council 30 Deansway, N2

Removal of existing canopy structure, including staircase, and replacement with new canopy structure. Retention of alterations and extension to lower ground floor level. Access stairs from ground and lower ground floor level to garden. Glazed screening at upper ground floor level.

188 East End Road, N2

Part single, part two-storey side and rear extension, following demolition of garage. Demolition of side chimney stack. Replacement of existing windows. New front porch.

32 Gurney Drive, N2

Conversion of garage into habitable space, inserting windows and doors to replace garage doors. Replacement front door. New front bin store and hedge. Vehicular charging point. Alteration to side gate location. Re-paving with Indian sandstone. Single-storey rear bay extension and infill of ground floor corner loggia. New rear access steps to rear garden. Changes to fenestration. Rear air conditioning unit. Roof extension involving side and rear dormer window. Removal of chimney breasts. Internal alterations.

2 Hawthorne Dene, Strawberry Vale, N2

Alterations to front and side boundary wall, including new gates with associated vehicular and pedestrian access. Alterations to hard and soft landscaping, including new vehicle hard standing to provide off-street

parking.

30 Heath View, N2

Single-storey rear extension. New front porch.

78 Hertford Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

52 High Road, N2

Conversion of mezzanine level cafe into screening room, involving enclosure with acoustic insulation walls, stepped terraces and seating.

87 Huntingdon Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer to outrigger and new side gable window.

60 Leopold Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension

5 Flaxman Villas, Manor Park Road, N2
Changes to flat roof of rear extension, including raising height of roof and insertion of flat rooflights.

11 New Oak Road, N2

Conversion of two self-contained flats into single family dwelling.

14 Richmond Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension with new terrace area.

11 Sylvester Road, N2

Single-storey side infill extension.

Haringey Council

23 Bancroft Avenue, N2

Fast Track Certificate of Lawfulness for 4m rear extension to ground floor of detached property. Two hip-to-gable loft extensions to either side and a rear dormer.

24 Eastern Road, N2

Non-material amendment to planning permission. Zinc pitched roof sheeting for side extension to be replaced by natural slate roof. Zinc cladding to front elevation gable end to be replaced with white painted render finish with aluminium coping.

10 Ringwood Avenue, N2

Single-storey extension extending beyond rear wall of original house by 8m; maximum height 3.5m, eaves height 3m.



Landscape artist: Judith Devons working on the mural in the Leopold Road community garden. Photo Mike Coles

Brickwork gets a splash of colour to brighten community garden

A run-down area where The Walks crosses Leopold Road is being transformed into a smart community garden by local people working in conjunction with Barnet Council. Here, residents **Kathy Batten** and **Edwina Roberts** tell us how the project is going.

Our 'diggers group' of up to 20 local residents continued to weed and clear the existing beds throughout the early part of this year. Getting the pyracantha out was a mammoth effort. The council repaired the brick walls and put in new top soil and a new lamppost has been added.

Working with local East Finchley Open Artists we commissioned Judith Devons to paint a mural. This evolved and changed on a daily basis as the constant stream of passers-by gave Judith immediate feedback.

Interactive art

"What was going to be an archway became two trees with overlapping branches," said Judith. "A girl sitting under one of the trees came, disappeared and returned. A moon came and went. Passers-by tried to 'spot the difference' as a cat, a fox, a lamb and three birds arrived... and stayed.

"Above all, my constant pleasure was witnessing the surprise and delight of everyone passing by: mothers with toddlers, school children appreciating a huge expanse of outdoor

colour and creativity, people rushing to appointments but still turning to give me the thumbs up, and stopping to tell me how much the colours and foliage brightened up their day. Let's hope we can continue to paint murals all over town."

Thanks and plans

We are now waiting for two new benches, a new bin and an information board to be delivered and installed. One bench is to be sponsored by East Finchley Community

Trust. We are very grateful to our local councillor Arjun Mittra without whom it would not have happened.

We hope to have many small community events in our new neighbourhood garden. Do come along and have a look. The planting is not yet finished, and we hope it will be a wonderful display in the spring when the bulbs emerge. Follow the project on Instagram @leopoldneighbourhoodn2 and see more of Judith's work at www.judithdevons.com

Strawberry Vale residents fear heat costs rise

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Strawberry Vale was built in the 1980s with 268 flats and houses. Some residents moved there when the estate was new and are now in their 80s. Some families live in severely overcrowded conditions.

Peabody statement

Peabody told *The Archer* that the claim that gas costs will rise by 180% was incorrect and they would not be making any profit from the changeover to heat meters. The housing association said it will continue to set the prices for the heat tariff based on the cost of energy, the system efficiency, and the costs of the heat metering provider.

A Peabody spokesperson said: "We have paused the

installation of heat meters at the estate to alleviate our residents' concerns. We will be gathering heat usage data from sites internally and where possible externally to quantify the impact on these residents.

"We will be engaging with our residents in the coming months to explain how the system will work and the changes so that we can deliver a scheme that will be of benefit to our residents."

They added that the association operates an energy advice service and financial inclusion teams to help people who are struggling to pay their energy bills.

Tree lighting

A reminder that lighting the East Finchley Christmas tree takes place outside Budgens on the High Road on Saturday 3 December at 5pm.

Everyone is invited to come along for carol singing with music from Fixation Academy and Brookland School Choir. A new tree and refreshments including mulled wine and mince pies are being provided by Budgens.

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