

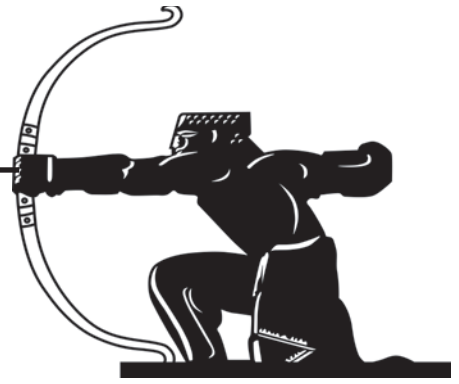


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Controlled parking could spread to new roads in N2

By John Lawrence

Households across large swathes of East Finchley are being invited to give their views on parking in a consultation that could result in the introduction of new controlled zones.

Controlled parking zones (CPZs) currently exist up to a line between Trinity Avenue, Leslie Road and Hertford Road. Barnet Council is now asking whether residents north of that line want them too. The area to the west of East End Road is not part of the consultation.



Nose to tail: Is parking a problem in your road?

The council says parking and access are particular issues on the Thomas More estate; in Long Lane, Church Lane and King Street; and in Creighton Avenue. It has also received a

petition from residents of Chandos Road requesting parking controls.

Other parking issues

The consultation additionally asks for comments on short-term parking and loading facilities for local shops, whether parking near junctions is causing safety issues, and what appetite there is for more electric car charging points.

“Many parts of East Finchley currently have no parking controls,” states the council’s survey document, “and there have been reports, substantiated by visits of council officers, of high levels of parking congestion, some of which is unsafe, obstructive, or otherwise unsuitable.”

Charges

CPZs, of course, mean the introduction of charges. Barnet Council currently charges £71.25 for a 12-month resident parking permit. A second permit costs £96.25. Blue badge holders are exempt, and fully electric vehicles are charged £15. Visitor permits cost from £1.10 per day.

An imaginary world on a café wall



With a huge blank wall as his canvas, artist Joshua Drewe creates a sumptuous scene mixing human habitation with lush vegetation. Find out where in East Finchley he was painting and see the finished work on page 4.

Barnet sets 2050 target for net zero

Barnet Council has set a target of becoming a carbon net zero organisation by 2030 and for the whole of Barnet to be net zero as soon as possible after that, and by 2050 at the latest.

Their path to net zero emissions includes improving the energy efficiency of the borough’s housing and buildings, exploring renewable energy across all Barnet’s property, installing 500 electric car charging points by November 2022 and a wider network by 2030, plus establishing a scheme to let residents borrow essential household items.

The council says next steps will include resident focus groups early in 2022, followed by wider consultation in the summer to give residents, businesses and partners the chance to help shape a sustainability strategy.

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