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N2United: Invitation to Town Team launch

By Chris Stavrou

Everyone is invited to come along to the Engine Rooms at 82-92 Great North Road, N2, from 8pm on Thursday 9 June for an extra special N2United meeting to introduce the East Finchley Town Team. See N2United.co.uk for details.

As reported last month, this is an exciting collaboration between East Finchley Community Trust, N2United, *The Archer* newspaper, East Finchley Festival CIC and East Finchley Open Artists that aims to bring new life and business to the High Road. The Engine Rooms restaurant, near the station has kindly offered to host the event.

Meanwhile, there was another action-packed N2United meeting for local businesses, organisations and residents at the Constitutional Club in May. For the first time in its 58-year history, the London Borough of Barnet is Labour controlled and the re-elected **East Finchley Labour councillors** Claire Farrier, Arjun Mittra and Alison Moore were present.

They said the Labour Party intended key changes, some of which will revolve around the environment and town centres. They are hoping for Barnet to be a more modern, serviceable and accessible council.

Ewelina Sadlowska and Zalan Pall of the **Phoenix Cinema** described how they intend not only to screen films, some of which can only be seen at very select cinemas, but also to provide a space for live performances and a platform for local filmmakers.

Grange Big Local has teamed up with Mills Power Architects with the aim of transforming the underpass between Manor Park Road and Trinity Road. Phyllida Mills' presentation showed the creative designs that would transform the path from its current unkempt state to something that will feel safer for those who use the cut-through.

Finchley Food Bank reported that over the past nine years the Foodbank has gone from feeding 70 people a week to close to 500. Food and financial donations have dropped as everyone feels the pinch. Find out how you can help at www.finchleyfoodbank.org.uk

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Show your support for project to improve unloved underpass

By John Lawrence

The long-delayed project to improve the safety and appearance of the pedestrian underpass between Trinity Road and Manor Park Road, N2, is taking another step forward.

The underpass is a well-used link between neighbourhoods on either side of the tube line. Barnet Council is responsible for its maintenance and Transport for London is responsible for the tube track above it and embankment alongside. Plans to regenerate the underpass were first announced as far back as 2016 but have been delayed by funding constraints and the pandemic.

Visualising improvements

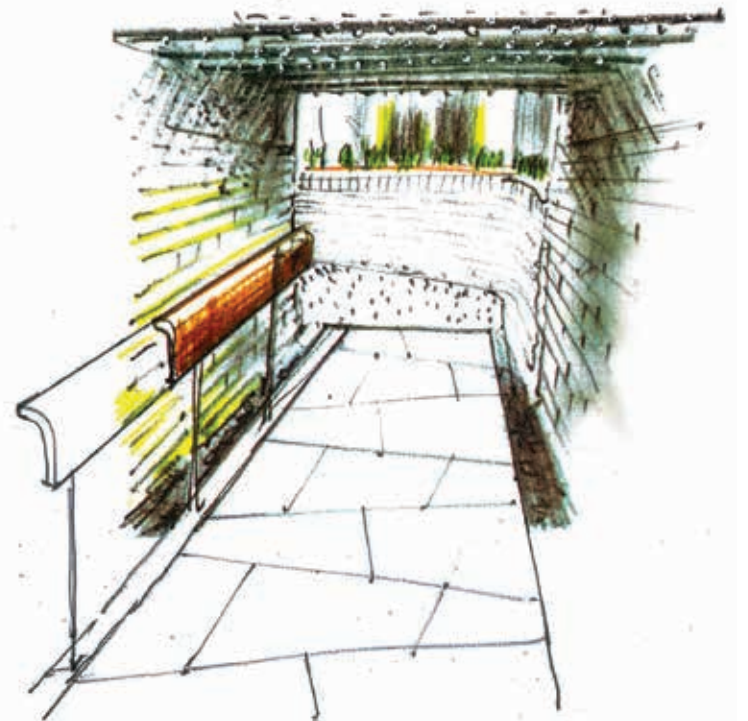
The Grange Big Local regeneration group has been working with local architecture practice Mills Power to produce drawings of how the walkway could look. They show smart new paving, lighting and planting on both approaches and in the underpass itself.

Now they are asking for everyone who uses the cut-through and anyone in the wider community to show their support for their plans by signing their petition, details below. The more support they get, the more likely the project is to get the go-ahead.

Safety and interest

Mariella Hill, from Grange Big Local, said it had been a longstanding issue for her team as the poor condition and unsafe feel of the path had often been highlighted in surveys of residents.

"We want improvements to maintenance, lighting, paving and drainage and we are asking you to support Grange



Revamp: Paving and new borders are some of the ideas to smarten up the walkway beneath the Northern line

Big Local's project for a new playpath, community artworks and planting to make the walk through the underpass interesting, safer and more enjoyable for everyone," she said.

As we reported last September, the walkway beneath the railway line was constructed 140 years ago following the tragic death of nine-year-old William Bowman, who was struck by a train as he crossed the tracks on his way home through the fields that covered the area where Trinity Road and Manor Park Road houses

now stand.

To support the underpass project, go to www.change.org/underpass_n2 or scan the QR code below.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

27 Abbots Gardens, N2
Rear outbuilding.

72 Abbots Gardens, N2
Part single, part two-storey rear extension. Enlargement of existing patio and a new pergola. One skylight to existing roof. New front porch. New front driveway to provide off-street parking spaces and cycle parking. Replacement windows and roof tiles to match existing.

47 Brackenbury Road, N2
Single-storey rear/side infill extension: depth 3.66 m, maximum height 3.50 m, eaves height 2.75m.

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

62 Church Lane, N2
Conversion into three self-contained flats, including two-storey front and side extension, first-floor rear extension, roof extension involving side and

front dormer window with juliet balcony, changes to fenestration and internal alterations. Associated amenity space, cycle storage, refuse and recycling.

47 and 49 Edmunds Walk, N2
Conversion of two self-contained flats to single family dwelling.

14 Elmfield Road, N2
Single-storey rear extension.

35 Elmfield Road, N2
Roof extension, involving rear dormer window.

2 Hawthorn Dene, Strawberry Vale, N2
New front hardstanding and vehicular access to provide off-street parking.

61 - 63 High Road, N2
Conversion of rear part of ground-floor shop and first-floor C3 unit into four self-contained flats.

Associated alterations and amenity space include ground floor rear extension, and roof extension to two-storey flat roof to create new pitched roof with two side dormer

windows and three rooflights.

340 High Road, N2
Part single, part two-storey side and rear extensions.

343 High Road, N2
Roof extension involving rear dormer window with juliet balcony and two front rooflights. Single-storey rear extension. New vehicular access and front hardstanding to provide off-street parking. New access steps to main entrance.

80 Leicester Road, N2
Roof extension involving rear dormer window with juliet balcony and two front rooflights.

366 Long Lane, N2
Conversion of two self-contained flats to single family dwelling, including new front porch, repositioning of rear window, roof extension involving hip to gable, rear rooflights, and new windows.

11 Sylvester Road, N2
Single-storey side and rear extension to existing rear outrigger.