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Barnet Council 020 8359 2000	Childline 0800 1111	Health Info Service 0800 665544
Recycling & refuse 020 8359 4600	Citizens Advice Barnet 0300 4568365	MIND 020 8343 5700
Benefits 0800 882200	Cruse Bereavement Care 0808 8081677	National Blood Centre 0845 7711 7711
Haringey Council 020 8489 0000	EF Advice Service 0300 4568365	Crime
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Benefits 020 8489 2800	Missing Persons Helpline 116 000	Police non-emergency 101
Leisure	National Debt Line 0808 156 7718	CrimeStoppers 0800 555111
Alexandra Palace 020 8365 2121	NSPCC 0808 8005000	Victim Support 0845 303 0900
East Finchley Library 020 8359 3815	Rape Crisis helpline 0808 802 9999	Hospitals
Everyman, Muswell Hill 0872 436 9060	Refuge Crisis Helpline 0808 2000 247	NHS 111
Garden Suburb Library 020 8458 3301	Relate Helpline 0300 100 1234	Barnet General 08451 114000
Muswell Hill Library 020 8489 8773	RSPCA 0300 1234 999	Edgware General 020 8952 2381
Phoenix Cinema 020 8444 6789	Samaritans 116 123	Finchley Memorial 020 8349 7500
Tarling Rd Community Ctr 02070186560	SENDIASS Barnet 020 8359 7637	Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343
Vue, North Finchley 0345 3084620	SENDIASS Haringey 020 3667 5233	Royal Free 020 7794 0500
Transport	Health Advice	Whittington 020 7272 3070
National Rail 0845 7484950	AIDSlone 020 8363 2141	OAPs' Advice
City Airport 020 7646 0088	Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 7697555	Age UK Barnet 020 8203 5040
Heathrow Airport 0844 3351801	Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688	Independent Age 0800 319 6789
National Express 0871 781 8181	Cancer Support 020 8202 2211	Age UK 0800 169 2081
TfL 0343 222 1234	Carers' Line 0808 808 7777	
Thameslink 0345 026 4700	Drinkline 0800 917 8282	

Leisure centre to be rebuilt on current site

By John Lawrence

Barnet Council has announced the redevelopment of Finchley Lido Leisure Centre will take place on its current site, following a public consultation process that attracted more than 3,000 responses.

At the same time, the whole of the Great North Leisure Park where it stands has been sold to Regal London and Cheyne Capital Management, after being identified as a strategic site for new housing.

Barnet Council signalled the sale of the leisure park late last year by opening a public consultation on a relocation

of the leisure centre facilities, putting forward the possibility of moving them closer to North Finchley town centre (*The Archer*, January 2023).

More than 3,000 people responded and it seems from the outcome that they were keen for the pool and gym to stay where they are. The existing centre will continue

to operate until a new facility is completed.

Dozens of new homes, almost certainly apartments, are expected to occupy some of the existing car parking spaces.

Regal London says it will also open a Real Estate Academy there, providing construction qualification and job opportunities for up to 70 military veterans.

Mixed use

The long-term future of the Vue Cinema and the restaurants that occupy the rest of the 11.2 acre plot is not clear at this stage but we understand that at least in the medium term they will continue to operate. Regal London has indicated that it will be a 'mixed use' development.

"We will work closely with residents and Regal London as we take the next steps to deliver a new leisure centre for the site," said Barnet Council Housing and Growth Committee Chair Cllr Ross Houston. "We know residents have concerns about other leisure

elements of the site, and we will be looking at the proposals that come forward from Regal very carefully."

More details requested

The acquisition of the Finchley site is the sixth major house-building project for the developer, alongside others already underway in Brent,

development in North Finchley and the future of the existing businesses there. They told us: "Regal London will undertake extensive consultation ahead of any potential planning application submission.

"In the meantime, it is expected that all tenants of Great North Leisure Park,



Staying put: The option had been considered of moving the leisure complex to North Finchley town centre

Camden, Hackney, Watford and the City of London. It is planning to build 8,500 homes within the M25.

The Archer asked Regal London for more details on the

including Food Bank Aid, will continue to operate as normal. Any proposals will be widely consulted upon, at this stage. Plans have yet to be made as to the precise mix onsite."

BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

The annual **East Finchley Festival** will take place on Sunday 18 June from 12pm to 6pm in Cherry Tree Wood, N2. The festival is run by independent non-profit organisation East Finchley Festival CIC for the benefit of N2 residents, and receives no outside funding, so relies on volunteers from the community to help out on the day. They need about 60 volunteers to steward, supervise activities and sell raffle tickets. If you could spare an hour on the day or would like to get involved with organising the event, please sign up at www.eastfinchleyfestival.org/volunteer or contact volunteers@eastfinchleyfestival.org

A crucial element of **Finchley Foodbank** is their volunteering team who are sensitive to the needs of the clients, work from a position of trust and are great team players. Roles range from receiving deliveries and sorting food donations to restocking shelves and staffing Tuesday and Saturday sessions. Requests for help with food supplies are increasing week on week and volunteers are urgently needed. If this could be you, email the team at finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com

The **North London Hospice** shop on East Finchley High Road is looking for more volunteers. Whether you want to get work experience, help temporarily between jobs or are looking for a long-term role, please call in to the shop and talk to the manager Anastasiya. Age is no barrier; volunteers aged 14 - 94 are welcome. You will play a vital role in funding the hospice's work and enjoy the camaraderie of a very inclusive team. **Driving Aid to Ukraine** is a new non-profit organisation based in N2 and started by local resident Michael Byrne, who delivers lorries of humanitarian aid across Europe to the Ukrainian conflict zones, via border transfer points. They require all kinds of volunteers: to help build a social media campaign; fundraising and grant writing; organising collections of warm clothes and other vital humanitarian aid items; and people who'd like to drive locally to pick up the collections. A fantastic opportunity whatever your skill sets to bring vital aid to an utterly devastated people and learn about the international aid sector at a grass roots level. Find out more at Drivingaidtoulkraine.org or get in touch with Michael on 07791 912389.

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column please send details to Volunteer@ILoveN2.co.uk Max 80 words please.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

5 Beresford Road, N2

One single-storey rear extension: depth 6m, maximum height 3.4m, eaves height 3m.

223 Creighton Avenue, N2

Roof extension including hip to gable, rear dormer window with Juliet balcony, three front roof lights and side gable window.

271 Creighton Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

95 East End Road, N2

Conversion of dwelling into two self-contained flats, including single-storey side/rear extension, roof extension involving L-shaped dormer window and three front roof lights.

Flat 2, Gordon Court, 102 Elms-hurst Crescent, N2

Close board wooden fence panels to garden boundary wall. New soft landscaping to garden.

21 Greenhalgh Walk, N2

Alterations and extension to roof, including addition of one rear dormer window, one side dormer window and one conservation side roof light, and enlargement of first-floor rear dormer. Rear French door to replace ground-floor window, infill of side door, and part removal of front hedge.

39 Gurney Drive, N2

Replacement of windows with double glazed units. Replacement of side and rear doors.

12-18 High Road, N2

Non material amendment to planning permission for two four-storey buildings (plus basement), providing 24 self-contained flats and office space, involving addition of two lift overrun (sic) to block B, amendments to number of PV panels at roof level, addition of rain water pipe and boiler flues on east elevation to block B, and addition of satellite and antennae

to blocks A & B.

66-68 High Road, N2

Details required of traffic noise mitigation/sound insulation for planning permission.

Ground Floor Flat, 77 Leicester Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension to existing rear outrigger.

76 Lincoln Road, N2

Roof extension involving outrigger dormer and changes to fenestration to existing rear dormer.

26 Park Hall Road, N2

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

28A Park Hall Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer and outrigger dormer and two front roof lights.

27 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Plus, certificate for roof extension involving rear dormer window and three front roof lights.