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# What a day we had!

Drummers from Fortismere School lead the festival parade into Cherry Tree Wood at midday on Sunday 23 June at the start of an afternoon when thousands of people came out in the sunshine to enjoy the fun of the 50th East Finchley Festival. Live music, family activities and great food made for a party atmosphere. Organisers have thanked all the volunteers, sponsors, stallholders and performers who made the day such a success. Turn to the back page for more photos by Mike Coles and Tetiana Shedko.

## People power puts paid to parking zone

By John Lawrence

**Barnet Council has stepped away from its controversial plan to bring in a new controlled parking zone (CPZ) that would have affected 2,700 homes and businesses in East Finchley. The decision comes after the council received a flood of complaints and hundreds of people signed a protest petition and attended public meetings.**

The 11am to 3pm parking restrictions were originally scheduled to take effect across all roads in the top half of N2 in February but the negative reaction forced the council to pause the implementation. At the time it promised a public consultation before it went

ahead again.

But late last month Councillor Barry Rawlings, the leader of Barnet Council, signalled that the whole scheme had been abandoned for now. In a response to Sylvester Road resident Edward Butler, who organised the petition and set

up his own questionnaire, he said: "At the moment there are no plans to change the existing CPZ system in East Finchley. Although it may be looked at in the future it is no longer on the list for any changes."

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