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Green spaces: Pedestrians will take priority over cars but this has led to concerns about parking capacity in the wider area

Can our area cope with 1,470 new homes?

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Gardens for residents only would be at the heart of each residential building, and the existing mature trees around the site's edge would not be affected.

Local impact

Architect Mary Hogben, from the Finchley Society, then summarised the concerns sent to the Town Team in advance of the meeting. These included the lack of nearby amenities and the impact on the Great North Road and Summers Lane traffic, parking in local streets, availability of school places, and demand on GP surgeries and Finchley Memorial Hospital.

Given the limited number of parking spaces in the complex,

Mary questioned whether the existing 263 bus route would be capable of taking another few thousand people to shops in North or East Finchley and to the tube station in East Finchley.

The meeting noted that most developments of this magnitude across Barnet and London are based around public transport hubs such as tube and bus routes. This site is not and will be home to an extremely dense urban development in a suburban location between two town centres.

Questions from the floor

Questions invited from the floor included the scheme's environmental credentials, parking zones needing to be re-visited in relation to local

streets, community provision within the site and who owns the land (Barnet, though Regal has a 150-year lease). Others asked how the scheme's only 25% 'affordable housing' could be seen as answering the housing crisis.

When a point was raised about a second high-rise development being planned for Lodge Lane in North Finchley Steve Harrington responded that all projects were being assessed together, and that the Council with its local and strategic plans, "would assess all needs and concerns".

The final planning application for the leisure park will be submitted before the end of this year, and planning stages will continue throughout 2025, with building potentially beginning in 2026 and the first complete building (the new leisure centre) ready in 2029.

Everyone at the meeting agreed that this matter should be readdressed by the Town Team in January when further updates will be available. To find out more about the plans visit www.gnlp-consultation.co.uk and make your views known by emailing info@gnlp-consultation.co.uk

BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

Food Bank Aid urgently needs volunteers. Flexible shifts means you can volunteer when you want. The team is waiting to welcome you to their hub where they sort, pack and deliver donations to food banks. It is a fun place... and there's always tea and cake! Food Bank Aid provides essential goods to 32 North London food banks who help more than 16,000 people every week. Please email volunteering@foodbankaid.org.uk and put 'The Archer' in the subject line.

Number Champions, based in N2, is an award-winning charity that helps young primary school children who are struggling with numeracy or lack confidence in maths. Its trained-in-school volunteers use games and other creative activities in one-to-one sessions with children. If you have good basic numeracy, plenty of enthusiasm, 1.5 hours/week during term time and you're interested in volunteering from September, please have a look at www.numberchampions.org.uk and then contact volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk. The charity is especially looking for local volunteers.

Community Gardening Project needs new volunteers. There is a small sloped garden near the entrance to East Finchley Station, known as Station Bank. It has been tended under supervision by volunteer gardeners since 2012. It currently grows a mixture of flowers and fruit but could grow vegetables too. This would be an ideal project for flat dwellers who enjoy gardening. Contact Kate at k.brown@btinternet.com

Citizens Advice Barnet or CAB is an independent charity based in Hendon looking for advice team volunteers who can ideally commit to two days per week. This will include training so you can advise on a range of problems, such as with work, debt, benefits, immigration, housing and more. Contact Naomi at nbielak@barnetcab.org. More details can be found at barnetcab.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column and listed on the East Finchley community website, please complete the form at www.ILoveN2.co.uk/be-part-of-it.



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Party invitation

Students and staff at Bishop Douglass School in Hamilton Road, N2, will be holding their annual Christmas party for seniors again this year on Thursday 5 December from 5-7pm. East Finchley residents who are over 65 are welcome and you should book your place without delay.

As usual, you will be welcomed with a glass of sherry by Year 10 students and enjoy a Christmas meal, followed by carol singing and entertainment by pupils and staff. Games of bingo and a gift from Santa Claus will round off the evening.

Guests are asked to arrive by 4.45pm in order to make a prompt start. Transport can be provided for those residents who are less able. To book your place, phone 020 8883 0433, leave your name and a contact number and someone will get back to you.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

79 Hertford Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window with Juliet balcony, and rear outrigger dormer, one front-facing roof light

48 Ossulton Way, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Alteration to roof including insertion of side and rear conservation roof lights

138 High Road, N2

Submission of details of conditions 4 (Demolition construction management and logistics plan) 6 (Cycle parking/storage) 11 (Air quality assessment) 12 (Sound

mitigation) pursuant to planning permission 24/2063/FUL dated 10/09/2024

231 Creighton Avenue, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension following demolition of the existing garage and glass house. Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer window with Juliet balconies and two front-facing roof lights

Flat 1, 13 Fortis Green, N2

Erection of a rear outbuilding

Flat D, 36 High Road, N2

Use as one self-contained flat

Haringey

45 Twyford Avenue, N2

Formation of rear dormer and re-location of en-suite shower room to existing loft conversion

3 Beech Drive, N2

Partial replacement of existing side and rear single-storey extensions and a small first-floor extension

6 Eastern Road, N2

Internal ground floor remodelling including opening between front and rear room, installation of beams and post at the rear addition to install new kitchen and associated works

9 Aylmer Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension