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Changes needed at junction

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“TfL have advised that they are modelling improvements to pedestrian crossings in the area, taking into account safety and traffic conditions,” she says. “I will continue to monitor the situation closely and lobby TfL on behalf of Brim Hill Community Group to fix this issue as quickly as possible.”

A TfL spokesperson notes that as part of TfL’s Lowering Speed Limits programme, they reduced the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on a nearby stretch of the road between the A406 and Addison Way, in June 2025.

“Across the capital, we use a data-led approach to reducing danger and targeting investment in safety improvement projects,” the spokesperson says. “We review the information every year, and if data demonstrates a case to take action, we will prioritise Falloden Way in the future.” Local residents say they remain on edge. Nigel Someck was getting his haircut when a crash happened next to him. “Only by the grace of God, nobody was walking by the barrier. They would never have survived,” he says. “The driver in the mounted car was injured



Collision: Residents say the junction is dangerous for drivers and pedestrians alike. Photo Samuel Burke

but was able to get out. It was a horrific scene. My kids cycle up to that barrier all the time. Eventually, someone will get hit again if nothing changes.”

BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

Dovetail DaCapo is a friendly place where asylum-seekers and refugees meet to make music together on Saturdays from 2pm to 3.30pm at Wren Academy, N12 9HB. The music is followed by a shared vegetarian meal. If you are interested in joining the rota of volunteers who prepare the meal (heating up soup, putting out bread, hummus, fruit, etc), they’d love to hear from you. They are also interested to hear from volunteers who would like to help in other ways. jam@dacapo.co.uk

Food Bank Aid provides essential goods to 33 food banks who in turn support over 20,000 people per week. Do you have spare time to sort and pack donations or are you a keen driver who could deliver donations to food banks in North London? The organisation’s North Finchley hub is a fun place to work in, with friendly people, music, cake, tea and coffee. Flexible shifts are available. To apply, please drop an email to volunteering@foodbankaid.org.uk and put ‘The Archer’ in the subject line.

Age UK Barnet always needs volunteers to help in its Tuesday or Thursday day clubs in East Finchley, which are for people living with mild to moderate dementia. By chatting to people, helping with activities and serving lunch and refreshments, you will help to make the club a warm, welcoming and stimulating environment for members. To find out more please contact Lisa on lisa.robbs@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call 020 8432 1422.

The **Together Project CIO** is looking for a Group Welcomer to support its Songs & Smiles sessions at Spring Lane Care Home, Muswell Hill. The group runs on Mondays at 11am, bringing young children and older residents together through music and play. The Welcomer helps greet families, supports the session leader, and creates a warm, friendly atmosphere. If you’re interested, please email songs@thetogetherproject.org.uk

Volunteer stewards are wanted at **OmVed Gardens** in Highgate Village to welcome visitors, answer questions, signpost around the site and support Open Days and other events. This is a friendly, outdoor role with a chance to be part of a community and enjoy free access to some events. No experience needed, just enthusiasm and a love of people and nature. Contact enquiries@omvedgardens.com to register your interest or for more info.

If you’d like your organisation to be included in this column please email news@the-archer.co.uk

Star guests for symphony orchestra

Finchley Symphony Orchestra will be joined at their next concert by Ukrainian violinist Valeriy Sokolov, one of the outstanding artists of his generation with a worldwide reputation. He is making a welcome return to play Mozart’s Sinfonia Concertante in partnership with Paul Zientara, himself an international prize winner.

The orchestra will also play Mendelssohn’s overture to ‘Ruy Blas’. The play by Victor Hugo is violent and Mendelssohn’s overture is suitably dramatic.

Schumann’s D Minor Symphony completes the program. The concert takes place on **Saturday 16 May** at Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12 starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are

£18, £15 for those under 26 and over 60, £2 for those under 18 and you can save £1 per ticket by booking online at www.finchleysymphony.org

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

First Floor Flat, 45 Park Hall Road, N2

Use as two self-contained flats. Ref. No: 26/1404/191

Fairacres, 164 East End Road N2,

Submission of details of general condition of planning permission Biodiversity Gain Plan of 25/1113/FUL dated 22/01/25. Ref. No: 26/1059/BNG

1 and 1A Beresford Road, N2

Conversion of two self-contained flats into a single dwelling house. Ref. No: 26/1339/192

Ground Floor Flat, 21 New Trinity Road, N2

Variation of condition 1 (Approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 25/3358/FUL dated 06/10/2025 for ‘Single-storey side/rear extension with five roof lights’. Amendments include removal

of the lightwell. Ref. No: 26/1289/S73

260 East End Road, N2

Second floor extension. Ref. No: 26/1169/FUL

99 Hertford Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer windows and front and rear facing roof lights and solar panels. Removal of the chimney stack. Ref. No: 26/1118/192

62 Huntingdon Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window with juliet balcony and two front-facing roof lights. Ref. No: 26/1077/192

456 Long Lane, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window with juliet balcony. Ref. No: 26/1050/192

55 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension with two roof lanterns. Ref. No: 26/1048/HSE

Haringey

Flat C, 15 Southern Road, N2

Replacement of windows and a door on the front, rear and side elevation. Ref: HGY/2026/0667

18 Southern Road, N2

Demolition of the existing garage and ground-floor WC and erection of single-storey rear extension. Enlargement existing first-floor rear window. Ref: HGY/2026/0782

3 Shakespeare Gardens, N2

Proposed alterations to roof form to extend the existing gables to form eyebrow gable roof elements; formation of two dormers and the installation of two roof lights (similar to those approved under (HGY/2025/2020). Ref: HGY/2026/0450

21 Aylmer Road, N2

13 x Leylandii - Cut entire trees as close to ground level as practically possible. The trees are an unsuitable species for the location. They are lifting up the drive and gate. Ref: HGY/2026/0850

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