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Photo by Erini Rodis

Homeless Hostel in Hertford Road

By Daphne Chamberlain

It now seems almost certain that Adamson Court, Hertford Road, will become a hostel for single homeless people.

It has been declared unsuitable to house the elderly people who have lived there for the last 30 years. They will be moved to alternative accommodation in the next few months. Factors against keeping the building for its present use include the lack of lifts.

Adamson Court is due for major restructuring work and redecoration, but it is believed that the first of the new tenants will be moved in by the end of the Spring.

Colin Lancaster, from Hertford Road, told THE ARCHER, "A Council official at the Finchley Forum said that Barnet has over 400 homeless people staying in

rented accommodation, which is costing the borough a fortune. People along these roads are still angry that Barnet kept these plans so secret, and worried about who exactly is going to be moved in."

Official Yes To Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market at Whetstone is definitely here to stay. London Farmers' Markets have told THE ARCHER that planning permission has been granted.

In response to shoppers' requests, stallholders are considering setting up earlier. Watch THE ARCHER for details of this, but at the time of writing the hours are 11am - 5pm every Friday.

Lorries in Leslie Road

A petition has been sent to the Environmental Services of the Council, from the residents of Leslie and Leopold Roads, against the use of these small residential roads by heavy goods vehicles.

Over the last 18 months, with the completion of the new road layout north of East Finchley, HGV drivers have been using Leslie and Leopold Roads as an alternative route to the North Circular and ultimately to the

M1. The effects of such traffic include an increase in congestion, pollution and noise and a potential safety hazard to pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren walking to the three schools in the area.

The residents of Leslie and Leopold Roads would like Barnet Council to consider the implementation of inhibitory notices to these HGVs on the entrance to these roads from the High Road.

At a recent meeting of the forum attended by two of the residents, the officers noted these concerns and the proposals are going to be put forward at a meeting in February 2003.



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Immigration Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm by appointment only.

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Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.

Councillors' Surgery.

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East Finchley's Community
Police Officer,
PC Paul Carter,
at The Community Office,
Golders Green Station,
Tel: 020 8733 5562 or e-mail:
paul.carter@met.police.uk

Planning: School

and Fuel

Bishop Douglass RC School, Hamilton Road, want to build a new sports hall, plus two storey ancillary facilities including fitness centre suites, a crèche and a youth centre for use by the school and the local community.

They also want flood lighting to the existing hard play area and parking spaces for 50 cars.

Byron Service Station, 407-417 High Road, is applying for permission to enable the retail unit to be open for 24 hours a day, seven days a week.