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## Arts Depot is go

by David Hobbs

Barnet Council have abandoned plans to build a library instead of the Arts Depot at the former Gaumont cinema site at Tally Ho Corner. The Council, controlled by the Conservatives since the May local elections, was concerned about the running costs of the Arts Depot and proposed building a library instead. However, consultants, who had been paid £100,000 by the Council, said that the work was too advanced and that changing the plans would be a big gamble. In addition, they considered that the Council's plans for a library could have cost more.

Leader of the Council, Victor Lyon, decided that it was too risky to continue with the alternative proposal and took what he felt was a pragmatic decision to go ahead with the Arts Depot.

He is, however, still apprehensive about the viability of the Arts Depot and concerned about whether the 400 seat theatre will be filled on a regular basis.

Alan Williams, leader of

the labour group and former leader of the council welcomed the decision to go ahead with the Arts Depot and said he was delighted that common sense had prevailed.



## Zero Tolerance on Abandoned Cars

The number of abandoned cars taken away by the council is rapidly increasing following a dramatic slump in the value of scrap metal. The council has removed over 4,700 clapped out motors in the last 12 months.

New guidelines give local authorities the power to remove vehicles abandoned on the street after 24 hours, instead of the previous seven days.

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The council will also rigorously pursue people who abandon cars on the borough's streets and where possible prosecute them. Those who are found guilty could face a fine of up to £1,000. The council will also look to recover any costs incurred for removing the vehicle.

If residents spot abandoned cars they should report it to the council by calling 020 8359 4600. If residents wish to dispose of their own vehicles they can call the council 020 8359 4419.

## Bog Standard Practice

By John Dearing

THE ARCHER is pleased to print a correction to an article in last month's edition: Dental Design Planning Consultants of Ballards Lane have advised us that the former FUDC public toilets next to *The Bald Faced Stag* are to become a new NHS Dental Practice, not flats as reported, and they have very kindly provided us with an architect's composite picture showing how it will look when completed.

It will include two treatment rooms and has disabled access and facilities. The practice will be called Nova Dental Care with

Drs. S & S Parsno attending, and is expected to open in mid-October.

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