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Blocked in - residents of Viceroy Close are unable to use their garages.
Photo by John Dearing.

Tipping Misery

By John Dearing

Fly tippers have visited Viceroy Close twice in as many weeks, leaving heaps of builders' rubble blocking the residents' garages. Old cookers, refrigerators, beds and so on, distributed around the Viceroy Close access area, have made it a total eyesore.

Barnet Council Environmental Health officers have visited the area, and are urging the freeholders to clear the mess, but will have difficulty enforcing anything on what is private land, despite it being, in practice, a public car park.

Residents say that there is little anyone can do unless there is a gate placed across the entrance. This is unlikely to happen before there is a resolution to the planning application to develop this area, which has been outstanding for over two years, and shows no signs of being either accepted or

refused, despite the guidelines on planning authorities to the contrary.

A Worthy Home for Preloved Items

By Erini Rodis

If you balk at spending £20 for the council to cart your old furniture off to a landfill site, then here's a possible alternative.

The Kings X Furniture Project is an organisation that takes surplus large furniture and distributes it to otherwise

unfurnished homes.

By recycling unwanted domestic goods in this way they are not only passed on to people who really need them, but the amount of bulky goods which would otherwise go to landfill or incineration is reduced.

Based in Tottenham Hale, the project is staffed mainly by volunteers. This keeps costs down, so a donation towards running costs would be appreciated...call Austin on 020 8493 0900 for details of the scheme, or to get something large very conveniently picked up!

Flytippers will be Prosecuted

A man who dumped bags of rubbish in an Edgware street has been ordered to pay £300 costs and given a conditional discharge.

He was prosecuted after officers from Barnet's Environmental and Neighbourhood service found documents in the rubbish relating to an address in the same road. The resident of that address had asked the accused to put the bags in a council skip, but instead they were just dumped.

Councillor Brian Coleman said, "I hope this case serves as a warning to anyone who thinks they can abuse Barnet's streets. They can be sure that if we hear about it, we will track them down and prosecute."