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Archie at East Finchley Station. Photo by Stuart Webber

Vote for Archie

There are just days left to vote for our very own Archie to become an official landmark of the London Olympics 2012. The famous East Finchley station statue is one of four Barnet icons up for the honour. If chosen, Archie will be made into a pin badge for the Olympics. What could be better? So vote before 18 October by going to www.london2012.com/landmark.

Low carbon zone

By Daphne Chamberlain

The Muswell Hill Sustainability Group has helped Haringey win funding of up to £400,000 so that Muswell Hill may become a Low Carbon Zone (LCZ). Muswell Hill is one of only 10 neighbourhoods in London to be given this funding by Mayor Boris Johnson. The plan is to help people cut carbon and reduce emissions from some of London's older buildings, which have generally been more difficult to make energy efficient.

Wide-ranging plans include installing photovoltaic panels on large roof spaces such as schools and businesses, which can then be used to produce power for local buildings. The project will cover round 1,000

buildings, including private houses. Haringey Council will work with schools, community groups, faith centres and businesses.

Parking changes "will kill off the High Road"

By John Lawrence

Traders and residents are dismayed by the proposed changes to East Finchley's controlled parking zones put forward by Barnet Council. Many claim they will be the death knell for small businesses in the High Road that are already struggling to survive in the recession.

Traders are calling on people to sign their protest petition ahead of the closing date for objections on 14 October. They are urging the council to scrap the proposal to introduce all-day parking restrictions in streets around the High Road.

Impact of new restrictions

Dino Loizou, of East Finchley Electrical Contractors, is co-ordinating the traders' response. Many of his fellow shopkeepers are outraged at the proposed parking changes, he says, and the council and local residents need to recognise their potential impact.

"We understand that people want to be able to park outside their own homes, so there need to be some controls, but everyone must realise that these

all-day restrictions will kill the High Road," he said.

"Traders agreed to the CPZ in the first place because the 2pm-3pm restriction still gave people the chance to come and shop. Under the new plans, people will not be able to park in surrounding roads any time during the day. They'll be limited to paying for parking on the High Road itself, and there are not enough spaces. Shoppers will just go elsewhere."

Dino and the traders are warning that many small businesses are barely surviving the recession. They say an extra blow from tougher parking restrictions could finish many of them off.

Readers' views

Some readers have contacted *THE ARCHER* this month to say they are in favour of the proposed changes but the overwhelming majority of letters we've received say they will be bad for local residents and businesses. See Letters to the Editor on page 11.

The petition can be signed at shops along the High Road. Comments regarding the proposals can also be sent to Barnet Council by 14 October addressed to Daniel Adenle, Environment and Transport, Building 4, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP, or email daniel.adenle@barnet.gov.uk

Fireworks Friday

Martin Primary School will be hosting its annual fireworks spectacular on Friday 6 November. Gates open in Plane Tree Walk at 6pm for food and drinks with the fireworks display starting at 7pm. Tickets priced £4 for adults and £1.50 for children are available in advance from the school office, £5 and £2 on the door. All OAP tickets are £2.

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