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Stag Court to be Offices Stan The barrier Fields. Accepted restor

By Janet Maitland

The future of Stag Court has been decided. It will be used as offices for the first time since it was built.

In July we reported that this prime High Road property has stood unused for more than eight years and was being remarketed by estate agents Martyn Gerrard.

Stag Court, which is in a prominent position opposite the library, has had a controversial history, with several failed applications to use the site as a supermarket.

The ground floor has planning permission for offices, although it has never been used for that purpose. Until recently, the windows had been boarded up for several years.

When we asked Archer readers how you would like to see the site used, your sugges-

tions included a bakery, a gym with a swimming pool, and a furniture shop. One reader thought that the large windows made it unsuitable for an office, and that the three failed applications to have the use changed to a supermarket blatantly suggested that a supermarket is what had been intended by the developer all along.

We spoke to Nick Cotsfold from Prodigy, the company that has now let Stag Court. He confirmed that the ground floor will be taken over by a local company and used as offices. "It's a local business, employing local people. They're expanding and need the extra space," he told us.

Stanley Fields unlocked

The barrier is down at the eastern entrance to Stanley Fields. Access to this much-loved community facility has been restored, at least until Barnet Council decides to secure it again.

We reported in August's issue that the council had locked and secured both entrances to the field when a lease period apparently came to an end.

If you know what has happened to the gate, give us a call or send us an email. Our contact details are on this page.



The path by Stanley Road Field after rain in August. Photo by Cllr. Andrew McNeil

Taichia Qigong Wednesdays: 1.05-2.00pm (Trial session: £5) at East Finchley Methodist Church, 197 High Road, N2 8AJ. James Drewe is a qualified teacher and has been practising t'al chi for 34 years. He is Vice-Chairman of the Longfel Taijiquan Association Other classes (Tottenham Ct. Rd., Westminster, The City: WWW.taiji.co.uk

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Planning Applications

Barnet Council

Land outside 111-113 Abbots Gardens, N2

Erection of a 45x35cm World War Two memorial plaque. Plaque to be made in mosaic, bonded to marine ply, mounted on a 20cm oak post and located on the grass verge outside 111-113 Abbots Gardens.

7 Deansway, N2

Extensions to roof including new rear dormer window and roof light on side elevation. Removal of UPVc WP pipe work and replacement of cast iron SVP pipe work with UPVc pipe work on side elevation.

125 East End Road, N2

Extension to roof including rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and front roof light windows to facilitate a loft conversion.

Phoenix Cinema, 52 High Road, N2

rear garden.

Re-location of existing shed in

18 Vivian Way, N2

Rear extension, garage conversion, side dormer, works to front drive, all to match 16 Vivian Way. Three Conservation Area roof lights (two front, one side).

Haringey Council 40 Bancroft Avenue, N2

Replacement of existing dormer window with double door and creation of light well stud wall.

44 Beech Drive, N2

Erection of new single-storey swimming pool enclosure in rear garden.

The Drive, Fordington Road, N6 Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a single-storey rear extension.

45 Fordington Road, N6 Extension of height of front bound-

Extension of height of front bound ary wall to two metres.

1 Lynmouth Road, N2

Certificate of Lawfulness for alteration of roof from hip to gable, erection of rear dormer and insertion of roof lights to front and rear roof slopes.