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"Planning threat" to the character of Finchley

The Finchley Society's chairman David Smith has written to Finchley and Golders Green MP Mike Freer to raise concerns about the controversial National Planning Policy Framework.

In the letter, David high-lighted the fact that local planning authorities are being to instructed to "plan positively for new development, and approve all individual proposals wherever possible". The Finchley Society feels that this approach would stop councils from listening to local people who have well-founded objections to planning applications.

The Finchley Society wants ministers to look again at the framework's content and to address their concerns. While the Society is sympathetic to the government's aims of simplifying the planning system and securing economic recovery, it feels that this should not be at the expense of the social, cultural and environmental character of Finchley, and of residents' rights to be heard.

Peter Pickering, of the society's planning committee, said: "The Finchley Society believes that the National Planning Policy Framework as it currently stands is a threat to the character of the suburbs as well as of the countryside, and will ride roughshod over the views of genuinely concerned residents. We urge ministers to look at this document again."

Eden Primary School

By Daphne Chamberlain

As we reported in September, there is to be a new primary school at 79 Creighton Avenue. Haringey Council attached the following conditions to their approval of the planning application.

Under Section 106, £82,000 is to be given towards a highway safety scheme to improve local pedestrian and cyclist conditions.

There will be limitations on extended use outside normal school hours, which are 9am to 3pm.

Éden School is to provide a landscaping plan and an outdoor management plan.

The school must give details of visual and acoustic barriers to protect residents of adjacent properties in Ringwood Avenue.

Third-class post

By Betti Blatman

Back on 9 August this year, I posted an envelope with a second-class stamp in East Finchley to an address in East Finchley. On 12 November, the intended recipient informed me that she had just received it that morning, three months and three days after I'd posted it.

Upon closer inspection, it was postmarked "09.08.11 Greenford/Windsor Mail Centre 06.41 pm" but somehow took three months to arrive at its destination in East Finchley. Needless to say, the free-entry voucher I had enclosed for my friend and her son to enjoy a great day out at Legoland was no longer valid. Perhaps I should use first-class stamps in future?

Planning Applications

Barnet Council 16 Aylmer Road, N2

Variation of condition 9 (Means of Enclosure), pursuant to planning permission C/17308/07 dated 08/01/08, to include amendments to boundary treatment at front elevation, including new vehicular automatic gates and pedestrian gates.

67A Church Lane, N2

Single-storey rear extension to community centre.

42 Church Vale, N2

Two-storey side extension with additional basement level. Single-storey rear extension. Extension to roof, including three dormer windows.

204 Creighton Avenue, N2 Temporary change of use from

residential to D1 (school for 24 pupils) until July 2015.

2 Greenhalgh Walk, N2 Insertion of three roof lights to

Single-storey rear extension.

side and rear elevations to roof. Alterations to existing rear dormer window (amended description).

19 Hertford Road, N2

Long Lane Newsagents, 409 Long Lane, N2

Conversion of ground floor shop into one self-contained flat.

28 Sedgemere Avenue, N2Roof extension, including rearfacing dormer window and roof light to front.

36 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Replacement of two windows to rear elevation at first-floor level. Insertion of roof light to main roof (amended description).

2 The Bishops Avenue, N2

Erection of brick piers and two pedestrian gates at front elevation. Erection of low brick wall, brick piers and pedestrian gate at rear of garden to replace existing rear fence.

Haringey Council
1-17 Clissold Close, N2

Installation of digital aerial system.

54 Lauradale Road, N2

Erection of rear dormer window with insertion of three roof lights to front roof slope.

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