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RSPCA Inspector 0300 1234 999
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Planning Applications

Barnet Council

45 Bancroft Avenue, N2

First-floor rear extension.
Roof extension involving rear
dormer window, to facilitate loft
conversion.

58 Bedford Road, N2

Single-storey rear conservatory.
**First floor flat, 63 Bedford
Road, N2**

First floor rear conservatory,
above existing single-storey rear
extension.

6 Deansway, N2

Two-storey side extension and
single-storey rear extension,
following change of existing
garage into habitable room.
Replace garage doors with
windows. Extension to roof,
including two front roof lights
and rear dormer to facilitate loft
conversion.

411 Great North Road, N2 (Cherry Tree Allotments)

Revisions to extant consent
scheme: amendments to
planning permission (C00042U/
07). Change of use from petrol
station to B1 use at ground floor,
with seven residential units above
in new ground, plus three-storey
building. Associated basement
with 15 car parking spaces,
associated landscaping, and
amenity space.

Ground Floor, 50 Hertford Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension,
including provision of light-well
and decking.

117 High Road, N2

Lower existing ceiling to second
floor, to facilitate creation of new
floor with mansard roof.

First floor flat, 332 High Road, N2

Loft conversion, to form front and
side roof lights, rear dormer, and
additional bedroom to existing
one-bedroom flat.

21 Howard Walk, N2

Roof extension, involving rear
dormer window to existing loft
conversion.

26 Howard Walk, N2

Replace three existing single-
glazed windows at front elevation
with double-glazed windows to
match existing windows, enlarge
existing window, add two roof
lights to existing flat roof. New
soil vent pipe to side elevation.
Associated works.

77A Leicester Road, N2

Single-storey rear and
side extension (amended
description).

Land adjoining 37/39 Leslie Road, N2

Demolish existing garages and
erect two-storey building with
basement, to contain one one-
bedroom flat and one studio flat.

6 Ludlow Way, N2

Single-storey rear extension
with roof light; new roof light to
side; replace existing dormer
to rear, add double doors and
alter existing window to rear.
Associated works.

84 Ossulton Way, N2

Alteration to roof, including side
and rear roof lights and roof
light to flat roof, to facilitate loft
conversion.

Colwyn House, 22 The Bishops Avenue, N2

Single-storey outbuilding to house
condenser unit.

4 White Lodge Close, The Bishop's Avenue, N2

Demolish existing house and
erect two-storey house with rooms
in roof space, lower ground and
basement levels (Conservation
Area consent)

Haringey Council

5 Aylmer Road, N2

Erection of side and rear dormers
and roof extension

60 Twyford Avenue, N2

Extension of existing crossover
from 2.8m to 4.8m. in width.

Farewell from our ward councillor

Andrew McNeil retired as a councillor for East Finchley in February to move with his wife closer to their daughter's family in Northern Ireland. Here he bids a fond farewell to the ward he served for six years.

I became a councillor in East Finchley in 2006 when I had already been living in the ward for more than six years. I soon discovered that I needed a quite different pair of eyes to watch over the ward and learn what was going on. In much of that I was helped by my more experienced ward colleague Colin Rogers, with whom I would take long walks around the streets, making notes as we went, often about planning matters.

Colin and I share a love of trees and we would eagerly show each other our new 'finds' in the streets of East Finchley, where the council has planted an interesting variety of trees over the years. The ward also offers surprisingly good birdwatching in an urban setting, from the nut-hatches in Cherry Tree Wood to the ever-present rooftop goldfinches. A Brownsell Road resident often emails me news of his exciting sightings, like waxwings and sparrowhawks.

Trees and birds are all very well, but it is the *people* of East Finchley who must take the top spot. Living as I do near the centre of the ward I have found it easy to pick up casework as I walk around or stand at our street stall. A casual remark by a resident who has stopped for a chat can lead to a saga with the council that goes on for months until the matter is settled.



Picture by John Dearing

Ward work is also deeply satisfying where all three councillors pool their knowledge and work together to overturn some of the dafter ideas that can emanate from the council and which, if left unchallenged, can have an impact on residents for years to come. I have loved my years as a councillor in East Finchley. There's no better place to be!

Following Andrew McNeil's decision to stand down, a by-election will take place in East Finchley on Wednesday 11 April. This is the list of candidates published by Barnet Council:

GIBSON, Jane Irene Gooding (Lib Dem)

GUPTA, Anshul (Con)

MITTRA, Arjun (Lab)

Polling stations will be open from 7am until 10pm. Further details are on the Barnet Council website: www.barnet.gov.uk/index/council-democracy/democracy-elections/by-elections.htm

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