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## Flats plan for site opposite tube station

By Daphne Chamberlain

A planning application to develop a prominent site opposite East Finchley tube station has been greeted with surprise and consternation by neighbouring residents. The site is currently occupied by GLH, the long-standing minicab and courier firm, whose lease expires in 2017.

Safeland plc, the owner of the site, is proposing to demolish the existing buildings, including GLH House with its

distinctive columned entrance, and replace them with two new residential blocks, provisionally called Cherry Tree House and Cherry Tree Mews.

The site is immediately opposite the entrance to East Finchley station and is sandwiched between the parade of shops that ends with the Dan and DeCarlo coffee shop and Park House, which is used by the Limespring School for primary age pupils with dyslexia and dyspraxia, as well as the Monkey Puzzle day nursery.

THE ARCHER has already received complaints from people in neighbouring roads. They are alarmed about the pressure this would put on existing car owners in an area where parking is a major issue.

One proposed block would provide 11 flats, nine with one bedroom and two with two bedrooms. This block would also have a ground-floor office unit. The second building would contain 13 flats, four one-bedroom, eight two-bedroom, and one three-bedroom.

A communal garden is proposed for each building, but there would only be two additional car spaces available on the site.

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### SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Archer team would like to wish all our readers, deliverers and advertisers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Top of the world: Matt on high ground.

### From N2 to Inverness

Yomping across a hill top with a heavy pack on his back and a Union flag draped over his shoulder, this is Matt Lewin on his solo trek from East Finchley to Inverness. Find out why he did it in our story on page 4.



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### Dangerous 'dare' game at crossing

A reader has told THE ARCHER of a frightening incident which occurred when she was driving down East End Road. As she approached the crossing near the Five Bells, four youths at the 143 bus stop ran out and crouched down on the crossing, forcing her to pull over into the opposite carriageway. Luckily no other traffic was approaching at the time.

"It was obviously some kind of dare game," our reader said, "But what if I had hit them? Who would have got the blame? I was left shaken and shocked by this and would not like it to happen to anyone else."

Because it happened around 4.30pm it was not light enough for her to identify their school uniforms but, at the time of writing, she was contacting local secondary schools to report this dangerous game.

### Can you help us deliver?

Our delivery round on the Thomas More Estate has come free and we're looking for one or two volunteers to help us make sure THE ARCHER still reaches readers there.

Can you spare an hour or so each month to deliver the newspaper to people in Clare Close, Dunstan Close, Juliana Close, St Mary's Green, Cecilia Close and Helen Close?

The round could be shared between two volunteers or taken on by one person. Copies of THE ARCHER are brought directly to your door for you to put through letterboxes in your own time.

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