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## GP surgery: closure notice goes up

It is the news that patients of a local GP surgery have been dreading. The proposed closure of the family practice at 91 High Road, first reported in *THE ARCHER* last September, is to go ahead.

A notice on the front door and a letter sent to patients state that the practice, run by the retiring Dr Isaacson and his partners Dr Knock and Dr Mulkis, will close on 31 March. The GPs intend to transfer patient lists to their practice in Colney Hatch Lane, Muswell Hill.

### Concerns about access

Some patients say they have been left devastated by the decision that will, for many, end a relationship with the surgery spanning 30 years. They are wondering how they will get to the new practice and fear the closure will have a detrimental effect on their care.

One mother with a young baby said: "At present the surgery is a ten-minute walk from where I live. The move means that I will have to walk 50 minutes there and 50 minutes back. By public transport it would probably take just as long on two buses on a big loop via Fortis Green and cost a lot in fares.

"In reality I'd have to take a half day off work to go to the doctor. They're also running an appointment system instead of the much-loved current walk-in. How do they expect me to do that with a very poorly or feverish baby? And for the elderly and disabled, the very people who most need an accessible GP, it's even worse."

### Reasons unclear

There are fears that the closure will lengthen patient queues locally as people find themselves forced into switching to other GPs or the NHS walk-in centre at Finchley Memorial Hospital in North Finchley.

So why is the practice closing? Some patients have told us that the lease on the current

building is coming to an end and that the remaining two doctors have to find ways of managing an increased workload. However, the manager at the High Road practice declined to comment to *THE ARCHER* on the reasons for the closure.

A petition is being organised to oppose the closure. For details email [SurgeryClosure@outlook.com](mailto:SurgeryClosure@outlook.com).



Notice in the surgery window

## Planning Applications

### Barnet Council

#### 6 Durham Road, N2

Continued use as two self-contained flats at first and second-floor levels.

121 East End Road, N2  
Alterations to existing shop front to facilitate new access entrance to flat above.

#### 25A Fortis Green, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension.

#### Flat 3, 42 Fortis Green, N2

Extension to roof, including rear dormer and three front roof lights to facilitate a loft conversion.

#### 54 Hamilton Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

#### 104B Hertford Road, N2

First-floor rear extension. Extension to roof, including hip to gable, rear dormer and two front roof lights to facilitate a loft conversion.

#### 34 High Road, N2

Conversion into two self-contained flats, involving first floor rear extension, following removal of existing staircase and associated internal alterations.

#### 111 High Road, N2

Alterations to the rear extractor fan and flue.

#### 44 Kitchener Road, N2

Extension to roof, including hip to gable, rear dormer with Juliette balcony and two front roof lights, to facilitate loft conversion.

#### 2B Manor Park Road, N2

Rear dormer and two front roof lights to facilitate hip to gable loft conversion.

#### Land opposite nos 48-56 and 90-102 Old Farm Road, N2

Two outdoor gym areas adjacent to existing playground along Old Farm Road.

#### 17 Ossulton Way, N2

Roof extension, involving two rear dormer windows and a conservation roof light to side elevation to facilitate a loft conversion. Alterations to hard and soft landscaping to front to provide one off-street car parking space with associated vehicle access.

## Festival fund raising

**East Finchley's Christmas Festival held last December raised money for two local causes.**

These were the Finchley Youth Theatre based on the High Road and TreeHouse School (Ambitious About Autism), Woodside Avenue, N10. This highly successful event raised £1,000 to be shared equally between the two.

## Big push for world record

**Members of Mightee Fit Health Studio at 2A Fortis Green will be flexing their muscles on Sunday 1 March, taking part in an attempt to enter the Guinness Book of World Records. The objective is to achieve the most push-ups performed around the world in the exact same minute of time. Each completed push-up has to be at least 90 degrees at the elbow to count and will raise money for the Jay Fund, a children's cancer charity.**

Money for the one-minute push-up challenge will come from donations, sponsorship pledged previously or on the day, when the whole event will be filmed. Mightee Fit's minute begins at 5.31pm but, from midday, there will be food, entertainment and fun for everyone, so spare a few minutes to go along and give your support.

Email [info@mighteefit.com](mailto:info@mighteefit.com) Telephone 020 3224 3043 or 07939 166 454 for more details.

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