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Esso to close its garage on Church Lane

By Janet Maitland
Last month we investigated a rumour that Tesco was planning to open a store on the site of the Esso garage at 217 High Road. At first Tesco's spokesperson told us confidently that yes, they were planning on opening an Express store.

They retracted this statement after realising they had confused North Finchley, where Tesco are opening a store, with East Finchley, where they are definitely not.

Hunt the garage

However, Esso has now confirmed that the garage on the corner of Church Lane and the High Road will close later this year.

"Closures of this kind can take some time to arrange, and it too soon for us to report on the likely future use of the site," said a spokesperson for Esso.

The Esso service station at the junction of the Great North Road and the A1 will continue to operate. There is also a BP garage on the North Circular eastbound carriageway near Strawberry Vale. Otherwise, the closest places to fill up are local supermarkets, which seem to be starting to dominate the petrol market nationally.

Back to the High Road Esso: all we can be certain of at the moment is that whatever the garage will be replaced with, it won't be a Tesco. What would readers like to see built on this site? Alternatively, what would you *not* want on this site? Email the-archer@lineone.net or let us know on Facebook and Twitter @TheArcherN2.



Friendly chat: A coffee morning under way at the Stag.

Coffee mornings hot up

Lots of people have been enjoying a nice cuppa with others at EFAB's new community-led coffee mornings. Everyone is welcome to come in and have a chat with fellow slurpers at the Bald Faced Stag in the High Road from 10.30am to 12.30pm every Monday. If you would like to join the EFAB Friends and volunteer some of your time to help run these sessions, just go along, or contact Lisa Smith on 07909 998453 or email us@efab.org.uk

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Planning Applications

Barnet Council

The Alexandra, 1 Church Lane, N2

Change of use from A4 (drinking establishment) to A3 (restaurants and cafes). Two new canopy structures to rear. Rebuilding of existing new canopy. New roof to front patio arch.

18 Blandford Close, N2

One rear and one side dormer to facilitate loft conversion.

74 Brackenbury Road, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormers and two front roof lights. (Lawful Development Certificate).

11 Cherry Tree Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Depth 5.9 m from original wall, eaves height 2.55 m, maximum height 3.46 m.

31 Cherry Tree Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension. Roof extension, including hip to gable, rear dormer with Juliette balcony, and two front roof lights, to facilitate loft conversion.

24A Church Lane, N2

Change of use from A1/2 to B1.

46 Fortis Green, N2

Conversion into four self-contained flats. Includes alterations to basement to provide habitable rooms, with associated light wells to front and rear, and loft conversion with new rear dormer.

Fuel Land Allotments, High

Road, N2

Installation of composting toilet.

85, High Road, N2

Four internally illuminated fascia signs, one internally illuminated projecting sign, one internally illuminated ATM tablet, one reverse applied vinyl ATM tablet, one face applied vinyl ATM cladding, one nameplate, one web/tel vinyl.

105 High Road, N2

Three-storey rear extension.

388, High Road, N2

Part single/part two-storey rear extension.

3 Stanley Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

Haringey Council

8 Church Vale, N2

Roof extension. Ground and first floor rear extensions.

20 Church Vale, N2

Outbuilding in rear garden. (Certificate of lawfulness.)

5 Fortis Green, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Depth 5.6m, eaves height 2.75m, maximum height 3.85m.

6 Fortis Green Cottages, N2

Demolition and rebuilding of single-storey side extension.

26 Shakespeare Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Alterations to bay and ground floor windows. (Certificate of lawfulness.)

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