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Planning bid: The Shisha bar and restaurant in Church Lane.

Worries over shisha bar

By Janet Maitland

A number of residents are objecting to plans to open a restaurant and shisha bar in the old Alexandra pub at the end of Church Lane, N2.

The plans for the building include a large extension, made up of 'canopy structures', which will back onto houses on Leopold Road. These structures, which are not fully enclosed or covered, will be used for restaurant seating and for a bar, where customers will be able to smoke tobacco in shisha or hookah pipes.

Concerns about disturbance

Although some Leopold Road residents have no objections, others are very concerned. They are worried about noise, both from customers using the extension and from any entertainment the owner might provide, especially as the restaurant's alcohol licence may mean the premises are open during the day as well as the evening.

Residents also think tobacco smoke and smells from the kitchen will be a nuisance. And there's an issue of whether a tobacco bar should be opened so near to Martin Primary School, less than 100m away across the High Road.

"I don't object to the opening of a restaurant per se," said one Leopold Road resident, who has made a formal objection to the council. "However, I've asked the council to consider how to mitigate the potential

for disturbance by alterations to the plans and restrictions on the use of the property." Ten other people have also objected to the council.

The council informed *THE ARCHER* in May that a decision will be made "very soon". To view the planning application, go to <https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications> and enter the planning application reference number 15/01019/FUL.

Bike theft falls flat

An interesting tale of lost and found reaches us from Bike & Run in the High Road. Tony Wade there tells us that one of their regular customers was unlucky enough to have his bike stolen locally.

The thief turned out to be unlucky too because the bike got a puncture. And where did he take it to get it fixed but Bike & Run?

As soon as it came through the door, Tony recognised the bike and realised it was stolen property. He asked another member of staff to stall the repair while he contacted the true owner.

Tony tells us: "Luckily he answered his phone. When I told the lad that the bike wasn't going anywhere whilst the police made investigations he made a swift exit, without the bike!"

All of which goes to prove that shopping locally where traders know their customers really pays off... as long as you're on the straight and narrow.

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

46 Bedford Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

17 Durham Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension following partial demolition of existing rear projection.

257 East End Road, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormer.

62 Hertford Road, N2

Conversion of two flats into two semi-detached houses, involving part single/part two-storey side and rear extension, following demolition of rear conservatory. Roof extension, including increased ridge height, two rear dormers, five front roof lights, new front access steps, refuse/recycling facilities, and associated alterations.

381 High Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer and two front roof lights, to facilitate loft conversion. Single-storey rear extension.

44 Kitchener Road, N2

Replacement of existing single-glazed steel framed windows and doors with new double-glazed windows and doors with UPVC frames.

10 Leopold Road, N2

Lawful Development Certificate

for Extension to roof including hip to gable, rear dormer and two front roof lights to facilitate a loft conversion.

Upper flat, 338 Long Lane, N2

Roof extension, including hip to gable, rear dormer with Juliette balcony, and three front roof lights.

McFadden Court, 72 Market Place, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormer, six rear roof lights, and front recessed terrace to facilitate conversion into one self-contained flat.

6 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension following part demolition of existing extension.

33 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension

51st Mayor takes office

Councillor Mark Shooter has been sworn into office as the 51st Mayor of Barnet.

Councillor Shooter has represented Hendon ward since being elected to Barnet Council in 2010. He grew up in Edgware before moving to Hendon, where he has lived for the last 30 years.

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