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Do something about the pavilion!

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By Diana Cormack

The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood presented a petition to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Forum on 6 July about making the pavilion building in the park safe.

Barnet Council leased the premises for 25 years in August 2012. In spring 2014 a notice announcing the opening of a coffee bar there was followed by sporadic work on the site, which stopped after the theft of expensive equipment overnight. The derelict building was left to the mercy of the elements and those who wished to use it for their own ends.

The Friends felt it had become an urgent health and safety issue, being in an extremely unsafe condition and attracting anti-social behaviour which has escalated into serious crime in what had been an extremely safe wood. The day before the East Finchley Community Festival the pavilion was hastily boarded up and a secure metal fence erected around it.

Hopeful signs

Now it is hoped that a meeting between the lessee and Barnet Estate/Property Department will lead to a report on the feasibility of the project and an update on the terms of the lease to be presented to the next Area Committee meeting on 26 October.

It is also hoped that the petition will lead to other much-needed improvements in Cherry Tree Wood, such as animal-proof litter bins. The park has long been neglected and ignored. In the July issue of Barnet Council's newsletter Barnet First it does not even get a mention in an article on the borough's parks.

What do you think should happen to the pavilion and how could the park be improved? Let The Archer know. Our contact details are above.



The current state of the Cherry Tree Wood pavilion. Photo Mike Coles

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

43 Abbots Gardens, N2

Part single/part two-storey side/ rear extension, following demolition of garage. Raising roof over side extension. Roof extension with rear dormer and two front roof lights, to facilitate loft conversion.

45 Chandos Road, N2 Wheelchair lift to front garden.

241 Creighton Avenue, N2

Part single/ part two-storey side/ rear extension.

3 Durham Road, N2

Roof extension, involving rear dormer.

15 Edmunds Walk, N2

New basement storey, with new light wells to side and rear. Singlestorey side/rear extension. New terrace. Two conservation roof lights to rear and one to side.

First-floor flat, rear 16 Fortis Green, N2

First floor rear extension to existing flat.

39 Hertford Road, N2 Single-storey side infill extension. 86 Hertford Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Roof extension, involving rear and side dormer and one front roof light, to facilitate loft conversion. New

cycle store to side. 107 Hertford Road, N2

Roof extension with one rear dormer. Single-storey extension, following demolition of conservatory. Fenestration changes to side,

involving new doors. Hard and soft landscaping front and rear.

330 High Road, N2 Non-illuminated fascia sign.

Leopold Road Service Station

Eight residential dwellings, two and three storeys high, with rooms in roof space. Associated amenity spaces, including roof terraces. Off-street parking for 12 cars. Cycle and refuse storage. Hard and soft landscaping

57 Manor Park Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Maximum depth 5.8m, eaves height 2.7m, maximum height 3.2m.

Haringey Council 23 Aylmer Road, N2

Ground-floor rear extension. Front and rear dormers. Internal and external alterations.

116 Creighton Avenue, N2 Certificate of Lawfulness for loft

conversion with rear dormer. 3 Durham Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer. (Observations to LB Barnet.)

2 Eastern Road, N2

Certificate of Lawfulness for single-storey rear/side extension. 44 Twyford Avenue, N2

Extension of hipped roof over side extension. Rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion. Two front roof windows. Conversion of garage into habitable room.