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# East Finchley could be merged with Southgate

By Neil McNaughton

Constituency changes could see East Finchley moved into a new voting area that also includes Southgate, Friern Barnet and North Finchley, stretching to the north east as far as Winchmore Hill.

The new constituency being proposed by the Boundary Commission would be called Finchley and Southgate, breaking up the current seat of Finchley and Golders Green.

Another new constituency called Hendon and Golders Green would include Finchley Central. Mill Hill, meanwhile, would be tied up with Chipping Barnet in a new northern constituency.

#### Your views

The changes are part of the Government's plan to reduce the size of the House of Commons from 650 to 600 and to make constituency sizes more equal throughout the United

They could be in place for the 2020 General Election but are not yet set in stone. Consultations continue and there is still time for residents to make their comments.

The Boundary Commission, which is responsible for the proposals, can be found at: www. bce2018.org.uk. Objections and suggestions are welcome on this site.

#### MPs' views

However, the proposals have come in for criticism from current Finchley and Golders Green MP Mike Freer who said: "Personally I am saddened to see the seat broken up and I will be arguing that the historic ties many of our communities have are maintained."

Neighbouring Chipping Barnet MP Theresa Villiers has yet to express her personal views on the proposals but will be consulting her constituents.

What do you think of the changes? Email us at: thearcher@lineone.net or write to The Archer, PO Box 3699, London N2 2DE.

## **Planning Applications**

**Barnet Council** 100 and 102 Brim Hill, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Side and rear dormers to both. 26A, Church Lane, N2

Erection of house, following removal of enclosed storage area. 17 Durham Road, N2

Roof extension over existing rear extension. One front and one rear roof light to facilitate loft conversion.

12 Elmhurst Avenue, N2 Single-storey rear outbuilding. Flat 1, 27 Fortis Green, N2 Two single-storey rear extensions.

35 Heath View, N2 Single-storey rear extension. Depth 4.65m. Eaves height 3m.

Maximum height 3m. 205 High Road, N2 Extraction flue to side elevation.

83 Huntingdon Road, N2 Single-storey rear/side extension. 426 Long Lane, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Depth 3.5 m, eaves height 2.7m, maximum height 3.9m.

5 Oakview Gardens, N2 Conversion of garage into habitable room. Window to replace garage door.

**Haringey Council** 2 Eastern Road, N2

Single-storey rear/side extension. 50 Eastern Road, N2 Single-storey rear extension. 4 Ringwood Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

Centenary: The East Finchley Allotments site

**Allotment centenary** 

Members of the East Finchley Allotment Association are getting ready for their organisation's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. They plan to hold an open day in June on their site off Plane Tree Walk and have started an oral history project, looking for stories from past and present allotment holders to pass on to future generations. Those willing to be interviewed can email Jeanette Murphy at: j.murphy@ucl.ac.uk.



Good deeds: The GoodGym gang ready to set off from the Phoenix

## Have you got a Tuesday task?

Do you have a task that needs doing on a Tuesday? The runners of GoodGym Barnet are looking for local community groups or charities who might need them to give a helping hand.

The group sets off for a run from the Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley every Tuesday evening and aims to perform a good deed on the way round. Recently they have cleared ground at Long Lane Pasture and painted walls at the RSPCA clinic in Park Road. Contact them on Twitter @GGBarnet or through www.goodgym.org.

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