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Traffic survey ahead of Bishops Avenue decision

By Daphne Chamberlain

The Archer asked Barnet Council for an update on their proposal, first reported last autumn, to install a pedestrian crossing at the junction with The Bishops Avenue and the High Road, N2, and to ban the right-hand turn into the High Road at that point.



Turning point: A driver waits to turn right out of The Bishops Avenue as another car leaving the Great North Road crosses his path

Tree-mendous

The beautiful Christmas tree that lit up the East End Road and High Road corner over the festive season would not have been there without the generous support of Maddens, Table Du Marché, East Finchley Electrical and the N2United business network. Special thanks also go to Nick Allan, Gail Coles, Mike Coles, Roger Chapman, Peter Hale, Christopher Hunter and Dino Loizou.

A council spokesman responded: "We met with a neighbouring council in November last year to discuss the scheme and a site visit was carried out in December to address concerns with residents.

Following on from this, we are now in the process of obtaining information which will be used to determine the best option at the junction of The Bishops Avenue and High Road."

We asked whether 'obtaining information' meant a traffic survey, and were told: "Yes. It means the Council is obtaining traffic and modelling data for this."

Moving the problem elsewhere

The neighbouring council is Haringey, whose boundary is just south of The Bishops Avenue. A right-hand turn veto would mean drivers wishing to reach Muswell Hill would be more likely to carry on down the A1, before turning left back through narrow Aylmer Parade to reach the Great North Road and then having to turn right into Woodside Avenue.

A point on which most people agree is that crossing The Bishops Avenue for a pedestrian is difficult and potentially dangerous. We hope that any decision will address that.

Teaching the teachers

It's not just children who are learning at Coldfall Primary School in Muswell Hill. For the last 15 years, the school has been offering workplace teacher training for those new to the profession.

It started with one trainee at the school in Coldfall Avenue and has grown to become a partnership with 12 other schools in Haringey, which this year hosted 24 trainee teachers between them.

The Coldfall Teaching Partnership is now one of the largest single providers of newly qualified teachers to Haringey schools. Nine in ten of their trainees obtain a final grade of outstanding and nobody has been graded at less than good.

Dan Walker, former deputy head of Coldfall Primary School, who now runs the partnership, said: "At a time when recruitment of teachers is becoming ever more difficult, we have a cohort of really excellent, very well-trained teachers. Nearly all

of our trainees are local people who go on to work in local schools.

"The success of our trainees is due to them really understanding the importance of their role in educating and caring for our children. We emphasise that teaching is not just a job, it's a vocation and one of the most rewarding jobs in the world."

Recruiting now

The programme is designed to train people to become teachers while they work, in most cases earning a salary while they train. Applicants must be graduates and have a first degree graded at 2:2 or better and have GCSEs in English, maths, and science. Recruitment is under way for next September.

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

105 Brim Hill, N2
Roof extension including one side and rear conservation rooflight.

Adjacent to Five Bells PH, East End Road, N2.

Removal and replacement of existing equipment cabinet with new equipment cabinet, and one new meter cabinet with ancillary works.

13 Elmfield Road, N2.
Single-storey side and rear extension.

9B Fortis Green, N2
Use of second floor as one self-contained flat.

78 Hertford Road, N2.
Single-storey side and rear extensions.

102B Hertford Road, N2

Partial removal of rear roof to create a roof terrace with glass balustrade. Extension to roof, including partial raising of ridge height at front with hip to gable end on both sides. One rear dormer. Two front roof lights.

85 High Road, N2
Change of use from Class A2 (Financial Services) to Class A3 (Restaurant).

336 High Road, N2
Single-storey rear extension.

Viceroy Parade, 71 High Road, N2
One 0.2m microwave dish on existing structure.

Ground and first floor maisonette, 385 Long Lane, N2
Replacement of garage with garden room.

27 Vivian Way, N2
Replacement of single-storey side extension roof and raising of parapet wall. Replacement of side and rear windows. Replacement of rear patio door and side door. Blocking up one side window. Insertion of boiler flue.

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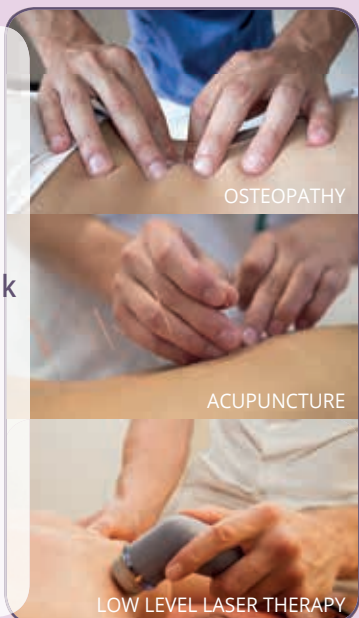
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