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		Age UK Barnet	020 8203 5040
		Independent Age	0800 319 6789
		Age UK (general advice line)	0800 169 2081

## Who keeps an eye on the planners?

Mary Hogben is an architect who has lived in East Finchley since 1975. Here she writes about her work for the Finchley Society monitoring planning applications for the N2 area.

As a committee, we discuss cases we might comment on, and aim to have a consistent approach. If they are to be considered at all, our comments must be strictly related to Planning Legislation and Barnet Council Policy. It has to be more than 'I don't like the look of that'! So there is a lot of checking drawings against all the official documents to see if there are contraventions. My many years as a practising architect certainly help.

### 'Urban' East Finchley

Being at the southern edge of the Finchleys, East Finchley has a more urban feel to it than the other, quintessentially suburban areas. Residents have worked hard to retain the varied and vibrant High Road and protect

some of our heritage. A rewarding aspect of my role is meeting members of the Community, and discovering East Finchley residents' huge range of talent and interest in local issues.

The pace of change has speeded up, however, and is being reflected in applications we are now seeing for prime sites along the High Road. Developers are trying to get as much as possible onto sites under the pretext of 'city centre' living.

### GLH site proposal

The proposed development for the GLH site has received a lot of attention from both the Finchley Society and local people who will be directly affected.

With the support of our local



Monitor: Mary Hogben

councillor, we managed to have the application referred up from the Area Committee last January to Full Planning Committee in February. Then, when it was approved only by the Chair's casting vote, they referred it back for further discussion as there were serious flaws in the process. For the third time, on 26 July we spoke against the development and again it was passed only with the Chair's casting vote. We had full support from Labour committee members, but the Conservative members favoured the developer.

## Planning Applications

### Barnet Council

#### Bishops Corner, 28 The Bishops Avenue, N2

Demolition of existing building and construction of two-storey building, with rooms in roof space and basement level to provide eight self-contained units. Associated parking

#### 21 Elmhurst Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing rear conservatory. Relocation of shed.

#### 1 Fairlawn Avenue, N2

Part single, part two-storey rear extension. Conversion of garage into habitable room, with changes to front elevation. Roof extension involving one rear dormer window, one rear roof light, and two front roof lights.

#### 1 Hampstead Heights, N2

Change of windows. Repainting

existing cladding to mid grey.

#### 54 High Road, fronting Fairlawn Avenue, N2

Five pop-up shipping containers for A1 use, and one internally illuminated fascia sign, to rear of property.

#### 19 Sylvester Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window.

#### 32 Sylvester Road, N2

First-storey rear extension, following demolition of chimney. Roof extension, including one rear dormer with Juliet balcony, following removal of one rear rooflight and insertion of two front roof lights.

### Haringey Council

#### 31 Church Vale, N2

Single-storey side extension, demolition of conservatory, and erection of single-storey rear

extension. Increased width of existing side dormer and new first-floor Juliet balcony.

#### 25 Eastern Road, N2

Rear dormer, three front roof lights, new front porch roof, and ground and second-floor side windows. Demolition of existing front wall, and new asphalt finish to front driveway.

#### 17 Lauradale Road, N2

Single-storey extension, extending beyond rear wall of original house by 4m. Certificate of lawfulness for rear roof dormer, three front roof lights, and minor alteration to rear elevation, for which maximum height would be 3m and eaves height 3m.

#### 71 Twyford Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension with glazed roof lantern and modified glazing to existing rear door.

## Call for Civic Award nominations

Nominations close at the end of this month for the 2018 Barnet Civic Awards, giving people a chance to reward individuals and groups who make a difference to people's lives. This year there are four categories: young citizen of the year, outstanding service to the community, business award and lifetime achievement award.

Mayor of Barnet Councillor Brian Salinger said: "If you know someone who is selfless, kind and dedicated to their community, then why not nominate them?"

To find out more go to [www.barnet.gov.uk/civic-awards](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/civic-awards). Nominations close on 31 January.

## Budget consultation

Barnet Council is seeking residents' views on its budget and savings proposals as part of the 2018/19 budget consultation. There is forecast to be a £6.7 million budget gap by 2020.

The council claims it has saved more than £144 million between 2010 and 2017 and points out that council tax bills have not increased in that time. Have your say on future budget proposals online at [engage.barnet.gov.uk](http://engage.barnet.gov.uk) before Sunday 14 January.

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## Welcome to Probus!

Convivial Probus Lunch Club with talks for semi- or fully-retired PROfessional & BUSiness men and women on third Wednesday each month at Stephens House East End Road N3. Next meeting 17 January  
**Thomas Grant QC** reviews defence lawyer Jeremy Hutchinson's most famous cases: Profumo/Keeler, Lady Chatterley, spies Vassall & Blake, *Last Tango in Paris* and Mary Whitehouse.  
Details from Eric (8449 0566).