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Residents object to changes to homes on Esso garage site

By Janet Maitland

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Local residents are objecting to proposals that will increase the number of new homes planned for the empty land at the junction of the High Road and Leopold Road, N2, the former site of the Esso garage.

"They're trying to squeeze as many units on this small piece of land as is humanly possible, for maximum profit," said a resident of Leopold Road, one of the 28 people objecting.

Developers Leopold Properties were refused permission to build here in 2016, as Barnet Council thought the housing would be overbearing, at odds with the surroundings and an overdevelopment of the site. Another application was refused in 2017, despite some changes, so the developers submitted an appeal.

The appeal was allowed by James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State, last year. He decided the planned four-storey block of flats fronting the High Road and the trio of three-storey terraced

houses along Leopold Road would not be out of place. He thought the houses would tie in well alongside existing Leopold Road properties and the block of flats would blend in with other buildings on the High Road.

However, the developers have changed the plans. They want to replace the planned terrace of houses on Leopold Road with a three-storey block of flats. They also want to reconfigure the flats in the planned fourstorey block.

Taken together, the changes would mean 20 mainly smaller homes being built instead of the original nine, with a total of 42 bedrooms rather than 32. The number of parking spaces would increase from 16 to 20. There are no plans for affordable housing,

The developers say their new plans are "similar in size and external design" to those approved by the Secretary of State. Objectors believe there will be a detrimental impact on privacy, the character of the surroundings, parking, traffic and children's safety.

"The development faces the



Artist's impression of the three-storey block on the corner of Leopold Road, with the four-storey block behind, as seen from Creighton Avenue

single point of access for 700 children at Martin Primary School and will increase the risk of further accidents at this junction," said one Leopold Road resident. "Traf-

Planning Applications

<u>Barnet Council</u> 88 Bedford Road, N2 Single-storey rear extension. **3 Beresford Road, N2** Single-storey rear extension. 67 Brackenbury Road, N2 Part single and part two-storey rear

extension. 8 Brendon Grove, N2 Rear outbuilding. New front porch.

fic and parking on Leopold and Leslie Road is hugely problematic for residents and this plan with only add to the issues of speeding and parking," said another.

side dormers, and one rear dormer,

to provide one self -contained flat.

Associated internal alterations.

Ground Floor Flat, 345 Long

New vehicular access to provide

Old Barn Youth Club, 20 Fallows

(Retrospective application)

Lane, N2

Close, N2

off-street parking.

One resident commenting on the application supports it, because "housing is much needed and this plan seeks to maximise it".

hip to gable, rear dormer window, three front rooflights and new side gable window.

38 Sylvester Road, N2

Two-storey rear extension with new juliette balcony to first floor. Also, LDC for roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer window, two front rooflights and new side gable window.

Viceroy Court Car Park, East End Road, N2 Submission of details of condition 15 (access entry gates), pursuant to planning permission.

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9 Brim Hill, N2

Single-storey rear extension, alterations to side, infill of two doors, new side access door and new window. 28 Cherry Tree Road, N2 Submission of details of condition

4 (privacy screens), pursuant to planning permission. 219 Creighton Avenue, N2 LDC for single-storev rear extension. 23 Elmhurst Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension with green roof.

27 Elmhurst Avenue, N2 Use as two self-contained flats. 3 King Street Mews, N2

Roof extension, including new mansard, two front dormers, two

Submission of details of condition 20 pursuant to planning permission. 30 Park Hall Road, N2

LDC for roof extension involving rear dormer window and four front rooflights, new glazed doors at ground floor level, and replacement of existing side window. Prospect Ring, N2

Submission of details of condition 32 (Landscaping) pursuant to planning permission.

25 Summerlee Avenue, N2

LDC for single side and rear extension.

81 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Plus LDC for roof extension involving

Haringey Council

Westside, 48 Fortis Green, N2 Full planning permission for replacement of top floor aluminium framed windows with aluminium/timber composite frames of altered design. Replacement front elevation plywood balcony fronts and handrails on the first and second floors of altered height and design, in compliance with current building regulations.