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Fight to save Coldfall Wood trees

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A similar campaign was launched in the summer of 2020 to save four mature oaks under threat from an AXA application in Queens Wood. That felling has been suspended until at least November 2021 while independent surveys are conducted.

Back in Coldfall, the Friends have consulted two expert geologists who "strongly believe that the trees were not the cause of any subsidence". The Friends along with SHIFT, a campaign group that emerged in response to the Queen's Wood situation, suggest that trees in fact prevent long-term subsidence issues by locking in unstable clay-heavy

soil that is prone to landslides.

Council faces hard choice

Campaigners are urging Haringey Council to suspend the felling for at least six months so that structural engineers and geologists can conduct surveys to assess the best course of action.

But Councillor Hearn warns that funding cuts have left the council less able to explore other options. "Following 10 years of austerity, council budgets have already been slashed beyond the bone," she said.

It is in this context that the Friends say: "We can't continue to let insurance companies bully councils into removing trees for

no good reason. If necessary we will be camping out by the trees to save them from destruction!"

AXA have said they "recognise that these situations are often complex and emotive; however, we owe it to our customers to find a solution which protects their property." The residents of the property in question declined an invitation to comment.

The decision of whether or not to fell the trees has yet to be announced publicly following a meeting between Haringey Council and AXA on March 5th. Stay up to date on the campaign by on Twitter @ColdfallWood.

Allotment sheds destroyed by fire

By Janet Maitland

A fire ripped through a row of sheds at Fuel Land allotments on the High Road in the early hours of Friday 5 March. Around 25 firefighters fought the blaze which took nearly two hours to put out. Two sheds were destroyed and another was badly damaged.



Ditched: A fire service van is pulled free following the allotment sheds incident. Photo Mike Coles

Crews from Finchley and Hornsey fire stations were called just before 3am and the fire was under control by 5am, although there was difficulty for one crew leaving later in the morning after their vehicle got stuck in one of the deep trenches that line the road on the allotments.

"We faced poor visibility as we worked to search the premises and bring the fire under control," said Station Officer Mark Smith, who was at the scene. Finchley Fire Station's new trainee

firefighter Marina Busca was on her first night shift and said: "We made sure the fire hadn't spread to any further areas of the allotment and worked together to make the scene safe."

The Brigade is investigating the cause of the fire. Police also attended the scene but their report is not yet available. Judith Ryan, secretary to Fuel Land Allotments, said: "We're pleased that the Fire Brigade arrived quickly, controlled the fire and, of course, that no one was hurt."

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

66 Brackenbury Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window and two front roof lights. Single-storey rear extension.

72 Brackenbury Road, N2

Roof extension above existing outrigger, including rear dormer window and two flat roof lights.

46 Brendon Grove, N2

Conversion of garage into habitable room, including construction of wall with new window to replace existing door, and two roof lights.

62 Church Lane, N2

Conversion into three self-contained flats, including two-storey front and side extension, first-floor rear extension, roof extension involving side and front dormer window with Juliet balcony, and one rear roof light. Changes to fenestration. Associated amenity space, cycle storage, refuse and recycling store.

237 Creighton Avenue, N2

First-floor side extension with hipped roof. Replacement of garage door with new door.

39 Durham Road, N2

Roof extension, including two rear dormer windows, one rear

and three front roof lights.

198 East End Road, N2

Roof extension involving hip to gable, one side gable window, rear dormer window and three front roof lights.

High Road, between Creighton Avenue and The Bishops Avenue, N2

Installation of up to 31 PVC lamp-post banners.

O/S 97-99 High Road, N2

Two internally illuminated digital LED screens, one each side of InLink unit.

339 High Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension.

4 - 5 King Street, N2

New roof, with increased ridge height and front and rear gable features. Rear elevations with two dormer windows and one front velux window to create one self-contained flat. Associated parking space, bin store and cycle storage. Alteration to existing front fenestration; with provision of Juliet balconies and front porch. Single storey rear extension: depth 4.9m, eaves height 3.3m, maximum height 3m.

6 Leopold Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

Roof extension involving rear dormer window and two front roof lights. Roof extension, involving rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and two front roof lights. **First Floor Flat, 338 Long Lane, N2**

New vehicle crossover.

1 to 27 Prospect Place, N2

Prefabricated plantroom unit housing water tanks and pumps for a sprinkler system, and five electrical intake cupboards. 33 Summerlee Avenue, N2 Rear outbuilding.

21 Sylvester Road, N2

Widening of existing single-storey rear extension, and amendment to existing side extension. Replacement of existing first-floor window with sliding doors and a Juliet balcony with glass balustrade.

Haringey Council

188 Creighton Avenue, N2

Replacement of, and alterations to, ground floor rear windows/doors and parapet to rear extension. PV panels at front and top of main roof.

1 The Terrace, Lauradale Road, N2

Single-storey ground floor rear extension, alterations to front and rear fenestration.

East Finchley Baptist Church

We meet each Sunday for worship at 10.30 am. If you would like to join us please go to our website for further details. All welcome.

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