



## The Archer

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## Playing field phone mast turned down

A proposal to install a 5G phone mast on land alongside the playing field of Martin Primary School in East Finchley (*The Archer*, October 2021) has been turned down at a planning appeal.

Infrastructure company Hutchison 3G Ltd was seeking to install a 15m high pole with three separate cabinets to improve high-speed 5G signals in the area. The mast and cabinets would have been situated on the High Road on the strip of grass that runs along the edge of the field.

When the mast was originally proposed at the end of 2020, there were 213 public comments lodged, 209 of them raising objections. School governors, parents and The

Finchley Society all said next to a primary school was the wrong site for a phone mast.

Last month the Planning Inspectorate made a final ruling against the proposal saying a mast would cause significant harm to the character and appearance of the area, and adding that other potential sites had not been properly considered.

Martin Primary School's headteacher Ziz Chater said: "The school is delighted that the Planning Inspectorate has rejected the proposal to locate a phone mast alongside our cherished playing field. The school governors and I would like to thank our entire school community and East Finchley residents for supporting us in our objections throughout the process."

## Motorcyclist injured in collision

By Janet Maitland  
**The rider of a motorcycle was taken to hospital following a collision with a car on the junction between The Bishops Avenue and Lyttleton Road, N2, on Wednesday 12 January.**

Police, ambulance and fire crews all attended the scene at around 6am. The driver was treated at the scene by medics before being taken to hospital. The Bishops Avenue was blocked off by police cars and traffic was diverted while the road was cleared.



Redesign: The playground in Market Place is in line for a revamp. Photo Mike Coles

## Ideas welcome on new design and equipment for ageing playground

By David Melsome

The Friends of Market Place Playground are holding a special event to see new designs and share ideas for the well-used but ageing play space close to Holy Trinity Primary School and The Archer Academy.

The group hopes as many local residents and playground users as possible will come along to have their say on how the space is developed. The community engagement day takes place at the playground in Market Place, N2, from midday to 3pm on Saturday 19 February.

It will be led by chartered landscape architect Aileen Shackell and open space management consultant Phil Doyle, who have been appointed to help take the plans forward. Both have experience in the play sector and have worked together since 2007 on schemes including being play design advisors

to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in east London.

Kathy Batten, chair of the Friends group, said: "We are delighted to have partners of Phil and Aileen's experience, standing and knowledge on board. Our 2021 survey of local residents highlighted the desire of the community to have more natural green features, more varied and challenging play kit and to make Market Place Playground a social hub. We know that Phil and Aileen are committed to making a design that reflects this."

**Strong financial position**  
Friends of Market Place

Playground was formed in December 2020 with £40,000 seed funding from Grange Big Local, part of which is financing the concept design and engagement activity. The group now sits within East Finchley Community Trust, an established charity, which will further enable access to funds and grants.

With a commitment of £30,000 already in place from Barnet Council's area committee, the group hope they are well placed to deliver on their ambition of developing and improving the half-acre site.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Barnet Council

#### 17 Cherry Tree Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing rear extension.

#### 7 Deansway, N2

Roof extension, including side dormer window to replace existing rooflight.

#### 84 Durham Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension following demolition of existing rear extension. Roof extension involving rear dormer window and two front rooflights, following demolition of existing rear dormer.

#### Five Bells, 165 - 167 East End Road, N2

Five customer seating garden huts, along with garden refurbishment including new paving, lighting and planting.

#### Grass verge opposite Five Bells, 165-167 East End Road, N2

Removal and replacement of one equipment cabinet and one GPS node, with other associated ancillary works.

#### 12-18 High Road, N2

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission for demolition of former building and construction of two four-storey buildings with basement. Amendments include correction to line of boundary wall, introduction of two angled

windows on first floor central section of eastern elevation, and corrections (*sic*) to neighbouring buildings to north and east of site.

#### 154 High Road, N2

Two internally illuminated projecting/hanging signs, one non illuminated heritage sign, one vinyl sign, two internally illuminated acrylic letters with aluminium returns sign, one internally illuminated flex face front with aluminium returns sign, one internally illuminated aluminium frame with LCD display sign, two non-illuminated kiosk vinyl graphics signs.

#### 5 Huntingdon Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer, extension above existing outrigger, one front rooflight and new side gable window.

#### 39 Huntingdon Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Replacement of conservatory. Relocation of side window.

### 3 King Street, N2

Details of conditions involving external materials, cycle parking and storage, car parking, enclosures, hard and soft landscaping, levels and privacy screens, pursuant to planning permission.

### 80 Leicester Road, N2

Single-storey rear and side extension

### 18 Leslie Road, N2

Rear garden room and shed with new linked decking area.

### Haringey Council

#### 24 Eastern Road, N2

New side extension, after removal of existing one.

#### 48 Fordington Road, N6

First-floor front extension; part first floor, part ground floor rear extension; associated roof terrace and screening; replacement garage door to window; first-floor windows to Juliet balconies; and enlargement of ground-floor front window and door.

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