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New playground designs are placed on the table

Rainstorms and a last-minute change of location did not prevent more than 60 people attending a special event to discuss the future of the Market Place Playground on Saturday 19 February. In the cosy shelter of East Finchley's Constitutional Club, local residents flocked to view a draft design concept by open space designer Aileen Shackell.

Play consultant Phil Doyle was also on hand to chat through ideas and learn about how East Finchley's young people, parents and carers use the site close to Holy Trinity Primary School and how they want it to look in the future. He said: "The level of enthusiasm and engagement was very high."

It was clear there are many passionate views about the playground, with sand, plant-

ing and fences the main topics of conversation. Next steps are to collate all views and data and finalise the concept design with fundraising to begin in the next few months.

If you were unable to attend, the Friends of Market Place Playground still want to hear your views and collect information about how you use the playground. Email them on friendsofmarketplace@gmail.com



Hands on: Visitors to the engagement day pore over the playground plans

Storm-force winds cause damage to trees and homes



Fallen victim: A tree toppled onto the front of a house in Summerlee Avenue during the high winds

High winds caused damage around East Finchley when Storm Eunice struck on Friday 18 February. Trees were toppled and property thrown around in the gusts which approached 100mph.

Tragically, Juliana Da Silva Queiroz Murilo, 37, was killed when a tree fell on her car in Muswell Hill Road, Highgate, at 4pm that afternoon. She was being driven by her husband Carlos, who was cut from the wreckage and survived.

Trees were felled in New Oak Lane, East End Road and in Summerlee Avenue, amongst other locations in N2. One tree in Summerlee fell onto the front of a house owned by Pauline Crilly and then an hour later a tall tree immedi-



Four winds: Bins were left scattered across the pavement in Manor Park Road, N2. Photos Mike Coles

ately opposite started swaying and fell across the road. "Luckily it fell not straight but at a slight angle, finishing up not in the middle of number 73 but across the road and in the hedge," said Pauline.

Elsewhere, garden fences were torn apart and wheelie bins thrown around the pavements. Clear-up work began on the afternoon of the storm and continued throughout the weekend that followed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council 14 Bedford Road, N2

New air source heat pump on flat roof of approved single-storey side to rear extension.

13 Chandos Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

53 Chandos Road, N2

Alterations to windows and doors, including increase in size and arrangement of existing rear windows and changes to front entrance door. Nine PV / solar panels to flat portion of rear south-facing roof.

208 Creighton Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

30 Deansway, N2

Removal of canopy structure and staircase, replacing with another canopy structure. Retention of alterations and extension to lower ground floor level. Access stairs from ground and lower ground floor level to garden. Glazed screening at upper ground floor level.

4 Dixey Cottages, 97 Great North Road, N2

Part single / part two-storey rear extension. New front porch.

Carmelite Friars, 63 East End Road, N2

Details of condition 30 (Cycle store), pursuant to planning permission.

20 Hamilton Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

In front of 52 High Road, N2

Replacement of free-standing double-sided advertising unit with one free-standing, double sided, internally illuminated advertising unit.

Wellington Place, Great North Road, N2

Non-material amendments to planning permission for two new floors at third and fourth floor level to four blocks of existing two-bedroom flats. Amendments include retainment of existing garages and installation of enclosed staircases to side elevation, in lieu of previous location.

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