



# The Archer

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Built up: Regal London's illustration of how part of the site could look, including the new leisure centre

## Plans unveiled to turn leisure park into site for 1,500 homes

By David Melsome

Radical plans to change the Great North Leisure Park into a major residential development have been unveiled. Currently home to Finchley Lido Leisure Centre, the Vue cinema, Hollywood Bowl and a number of restaurants, the site will instead provide 1,500 new homes of mixed design. Developers Regal London say they will build a new leisure centre on an adjacent plot to the rear where an unused bowling green and social club stand. Barnet Council hopes a replacement cinema and bowling centre will be built on the Lodge Lane car park in North Finchley as part of its plans to redevelop the town centre there.

The leisure park opened nearly 30 years ago and has been showing its age. The indoor and outdoor pools have been closed for long periods for maintenance work in recent years and some restaurant tenants have left.

Under Regal's plans, all the current buildings and car parking areas will be replaced by seven new housing blocks, connected by walkways and green spaces, along with some ground-floor units potentially for shops, eateries and commu-

nity uses. There will be limited parking for residents.

### New lido

The new lido will have three indoor pools, including a six-lane community pool, a learner pool and a leisure pool, plus an outdoor pool, a fitness suite and an adventure play area. It could open in 2027 and the current lido would remain in operation while it is being built. Regal London said: "According to [Barnet Council's] draft Local

Plan, the borough has a housing need of more than 35,000 new homes by 2036. The underused space currently is primarily used for car parking, much of which can be used to deliver new homes and new connections that help to make the site more accessible to local residents."

A third round of public consultation is planned this summer before final plans are submitted in the autumn. Find out more at [www.gnlp-consultation.co.uk](http://www.gnlp-consultation.co.uk) and [www.regal-london.co.uk](http://www.regal-london.co.uk).

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Barnet Council

#### 58 Church Lane, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension.

#### 88 Church Lane, N2

Change of use of existing commercial unit (Use Class E) into one dwelling (Use Class C3). Associated rear refuse/recycling/cycle storage.

#### 13 Fairlawn Avenue, N2

Roof extension, involving hip to gable with rear dormer window and one front facing rooflight. Single-storey rear extension with two rooflights, following demolition of existing rear veranda. Changes to side fenestration, involving replacement window (Amended Description).

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

Installation of Virgin Media fibre grey equipment cabinets.

#### 16 Hamilton Road, N2

Single-storey side extension with three roof lights.

#### 133 High Road, N2

Installation of one externally illuminated fascia sign and one externally illuminated projector sign.

#### 238 High Road, N2

Submission of details of condition 3 (cycle parking/storage) 4 (refuse and recycling) and 10 (amenity space, pursuant to planning permission.

#### 40 Howard Walk, N2

Conversion of existing garage into habitable room, including infill extension, new garage doors and new rear area. Roof extension, including rear dormer window and one side facing conservation roof light.

#### 13 Huntingdon Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension, with new courtyard and access steps to garden level. Roof extension, involving rear dormer with juliet balcony and two front facing roof lights. Rear outbuilding.

#### Land Rear of The Bobath Centre, 250 East End Road, N2

Submission of details of condition 27 (Enclosure/boundary treatment) pursuant to planning permission

#### 8 Neville Drive, N2

Two-storey rear extension with balcony, hipped roof and part flat roof at apex between existing roof,

following removal of existing rear loggia and balcony. Roof extension involving front, side and rear dormer windows and one flat roof light. Conversion of garage into habitable space, including insertion of side access door, and windows to replace garage doors. Repositioning and replacement of front door and portico. Removal of one chimney. Replacement of existing windows and changes to openings. Replacement of rainwater goods. Replacement of soffit and fascia. Repositioning of boiler flue. Installation of CCTV cameras and EV charger point. Resurfacing of driveway and rear patio. Removal of swimming pool, replaced with new lawn. Repointing of brickwork.

**10 Neville Drive, N2**  
Submission of details of condition 3 (Materials) pursuant to planning permission.

#### 11 Trinity Road, N2

Enlargement of existing rear dormer window. Alterations to lower ground-floor rear extension door opening.

## BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

- **Re-engage** host monthly Sunday tea parties in and around Finchley for people aged 75 and over who are lonely, isolated or in need of companionship. Volunteer drivers are needed. If you would like to get involved as a driver or a coordinator please contact [ruth.carter@reengage.org.uk](mailto:ruth.carter@reengage.org.uk). Find out more at [www.reengage.org.uk](http://www.reengage.org.uk)

- **East Finchley Festival CIC** is seeking two coordinators to schedule children's and sporting activities and to liaise with external providers. The festival team also needs dozens of volunteers to sell raffle tickets in one-hour shifts on the day of the festival (Sunday 23 June). Please visit [eastfinchleyfestival.org/](http://eastfinchleyfestival.org/) volunteer for details.

- **U3A** are looking for a pianist, for an hour once a fortnight. Their Singing for Pleasure group has between 25 and 30 singers at each session. The commitment would be to play a fortnightly programme of 10-12 songs (mostly popular songs from the 1920s to 1980s and also folksongs) during U3A term-times, with one repeat of each of these programmes. They have a good library of music scores. The sessions run from 5-6pm on Monday evenings and are held at the Free Church on Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11. They are also looking for an art teacher for a weekly or fortnightly beginners' class, hours to suit. For both roles please contact [tina@groups.org.hgsu3a.uk](mailto:tina@groups.org.hgsu3a.uk)

- **MS Haringey** is a local group of the national MS Society. They are looking to recruit a volunteer to manage all aspects of their financial activity, under Charity Commission rules. Initial training will be given. The role could suit a retired person with an accountancy or similar background. Interest in the welfare of people living with multiple sclerosis would be a strong recommendation. For details contact Jane Howard on [Haringey@mssociety.org.uk](mailto:Haringey@mssociety.org.uk)

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column and listed on the East Finchley community hub website, please complete the form at [www.ILoveN2.co.uk/be-part-of-it](http://www.ILoveN2.co.uk/be-part-of-it).







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