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Tennis players fear loss of green setting

By Diana Cormack

East Finchley councillor Arjun Mittra, pictured, met with residents living around Fortis Green Tennis Club, off Southern Road, N2, who will be affected by proposals to build eight new homes on the club's grounds.

As we reported in November, developers the Capstone Group have put forward plans for a new clubhouse and eight homes, with the loss of one of the four courts. This is supported by the site's owners Muswell Hill United Reformed Church but not by the tennis club itself. Although the club is inside the Haringey boundary, surrounding roads Summerlee Gardens and Cherry Tree Road would be particularly affected if these plans came to fruition and are in Barnet. Councillor Mittra listened to the many concerns expressed by club members. These included worries about the disturbances caused during the building process particularly to Cherry Tree Road, which could provide the only access to the site by losing its cul-de-sac status. Parking problems were envisaged after completion, and there were concerns about access to the development for Haringey

Council vehicles.

Tennis club members say they would also lose their current green and tree-lined setting to play in the shadow of a brick wall, if indeed many of them remain. The fear is that some may move to new clubs during the building process.

Cllr Mittra made various suggestions for the residents to investigate and took on some to consider himself. He is willing to keep in regular touch and plans to follow up his visit. The meeting was described as "productive and helpful" by one resident.



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Change of date for East Finchley's Got Talent 2

By Diana Cormack

East Finchley Town Team events group are excited to announce that East Finchley's Got Talent will be returning to the Phoenix Cinema this month. The contest will be held on Saturday 27 January, not Sunday 28 January as originally planned.

Last year's event saw a huge range of acts from the local area take part and organisers are seeking new performers to join them in celebrating the wonderful range of talent in the community.

Hosted by MOBO Award winner Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock of East Finchley Festival, the contest is open to all ages and talents. Various prizes will be on offer, including the East Finchley's Got Talent trophy and the opportunity to perform live on the community stage at East Finchley Festival in June.

Please email details of your act as soon as possible to EFgottalent2024@gmail.com. All acts will be contacted after the selection process.

As part of the weekend at the Phoenix, the East Finchley Town Team will be running their Bake Off competition again. All budding bakers are invited to create a bake on the theme 'The Silver Screen' to pay tribute to the fabulous films

shown at the Phoenix.

They will be judged by local councillor and cake expert Arjun Mittra alongside one of the winners of last year's competition, 11-year-old Essie. Slices of the cakes and bakes

will be available during the intervals of the talent competition, with all funds raised going to the Phoenix Cinema charity. If you'd like to take part in the bake off, please email EFtownteam@gmail.com.



PLANNING

Barnet Council

Land rear of The Bobath Centre, East End Road, N2

Submission of details of condition 5 (parking layout) and 6 (visibility splays), pursuant to planning permission.

50 Brim Hill, N2

Replacement of front windows with single glazing, and side and rear windows with double glazing.

22 Deansway, N2

Part single, part two-storey rear extension with new patio area.

6 Elm Gardens, N2

Erection of a garden room.

78 High Road, N2

Conversion into two self-contained flats, including a single-storey rear extension and mansard roof extension with front and rear dormers. Modifications to rear access to maintain one car parking space and external amenity space, cycle storage, and refuse and recycling facilities.

43 Leopold Road, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormer window and one front roof light.

Adj to 48 Lincoln Road, N2

New two-storey dwelling with rooms in the roof space. Associated refuse/recycling and amenity space.

Market Place Playground, N2

Submission of details of conditions 7 (Biodiversity Net Gain Plan), 9 (ecological enhancement measures), 11 (Levels) (Construction Management and Logistics Plan) and 14 (Cotoneaster Control Measures), pursuant to planning permission.

BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

The team at the **North London Hospice** shop on East Finchley High Road is looking for more volunteers. Whether you want to get work experience, help temporarily whilst between jobs or are looking for a long-term role, call in to the shop and talk to the manager Anastasiya. Age is no barrier, ages 14-94 welcome. You will play a vital role in funding the vital work of the hospice and enjoy the camaraderie of a very inclusive team.

Finchley Foodbank is supporting a growing number of people who rely on this outstanding organisation to manage through the week. Help clients with choosing their food, toiletries and baby goods, or come in when the food bank is preparing stocks on the days before opening. There's a number of roles and food bank manager Anna Maughan and the volunteer team will welcome you with open arms to find your niche. New recruits are urgently needed to carry out this valuable work. Email finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com to find out more.

Driving Aid to Ukraine is a non-profit organisation based in N2 started by local resident Michael Byrne, who delivers lorries of humanitarian aid across Europe to the Ukrainian conflict zones, via border transfer points. They require all kinds of volunteers: to help scale up in building and sustaining a social media campaign, fundraising and grant writing and to organise collections of warm clothes and other vital humanitarian aid items, as well as people who would like to drive locally to pick up the collections. A fantastic opportunity, whatever your skill set, to bring vital aid to an utterly devastated people and learn about the international aid sector at a grassroots level. Find out more at Drivingaidtoukraine.org or get in touch with Michael on 07791 912389.

Bin There Donate That is a successful local initiative that has made East Finchley a trailblazer in promoting sustainability. It is driven by resident Emma Frampton, whose passion is to create a more responsible neighbourhood. All types of help needed for research, liaising with local shops to take in items for recycling/reusing, web and social media updates and project managing. Whether you have one spare hour a week or much more, or have ideas to contribute, email bintheredonatethat@gmail.com for more details.

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column please send details (max 80 words please) to news@the-archer.co.uk or complete the form at www.ILoveN2.co.uk/be-part-of-it.

