



## The Archer

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Repositioned: The proposed new location of the Monkey Puzzle nursery, in dark pink, at the rear of the Cherry Tree Quarter site. Image Places for Barnet

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new space, responded to The Archer that she was aware of the parent's letter and had seen it prior to it being sent and has made it clear that she is open to talk about any of their concerns.

#### Fully compliant

Places for Barnet spokesperson Marcello Burbante told The Archer that the replacement nursery will be fully compliant with the required standards in terms of the best practice guidelines, design standards, space provision, accessibility, and safety.

He said: "The images presented at the engagement events in April were indicative and provided to give residents and parents an idea of what the space could look and feel like. They do not represent the final detailed design, which will take many months to complete.

"Paula and her team will be

consulted on detail design, including materials and finishes, as the design develops."

"Members of the Places for Barnet design team have the experience required to design spaces of this type and have designed nursery spaces in the past that have been successfully delivered and operated."

"The replacement nursery will be a significant improvement on the existing building, which is an aging, prefabricated structure. Notwithstanding that, there will be a reduction of what amounts to an unusually high quantity of outdoor space for an inner London nursery. This reduction is necessary in order to accommodate the wider redevelopment, which is funding the provision of much-needed social rent homes [in Mill Hill] and the reprovision of the nursery."

Regarding the building work,

Mr Burbante said a detailed construction management plan would be submitted to Barnet Council to minimise noise, dust and disruption, with particular sensitivity to staff and children at the nursery.

#### Keep talking

Sarah Sackman MP thanked all parents for writing to her and said she was pleased that Barnet Council, the nursery and the developers had come up with a solution to keep Monkey Puzzle open.

She said: "This scheme will help to deliver desperately needed social housing across our borough. We have made significant progress, but I know that there is much more to do. In this next phase, it will be vital that the council and developers stick to their plans and continue to engage with all stakeholders, including parents and families."

## BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

N2-based **Number Champions** is an award-winning charity that helps young state primary school children who are behind in maths. It trains volunteers to use games and other creative activities in one-to-one sessions to help children achieve their educational potential. The charity is active across London and is especially looking for N2 volunteers. If you have enthusiasm to help children, confidence in basic numeracy, 1.5 hours/week available in term time, and can volunteer from September, visit [www.numberchampions.org.uk](http://www.numberchampions.org.uk) or contact [volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk).

**Long Lane Pasture Nature Reserve** is a wildlife haven and peaceful green space providing a home for birds, insects, trees and wildflowers on land opposite the fire station in Long Lane, N3. It is a charity run by volunteers as an urban sanctuary that connects visitors with nature and supports local conservation. Volunteers are welcome to help maintain the Pasture for two hours on a Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon so come on down or visit [longlanepasture.org](http://longlanepasture.org)

**The North London Hospice** shop in the High Road, N2, would love to hear from people of all ages who are interested in helping out. The shop offers places for students from 16 years old and can help with work experience placements. Please drop into the shop and speak to the manager Anastasiya.

**Finchley Foodbank** is looking for a new kind of volunteer to help people with all things digital e.g. searching the internet, sending emails, booking appointments. You will signpost people to help with the cost of living, employment, housing etc. The Foodbank has resources and will be there to support you! You will need to be available for sessions on Tuesdays and/or Saturdays from 11.30am to 2pm twice a month. To find out more about becoming a digital champion volunteer email: [finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com)

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Barnet

#### 70 Abbots Gardens, N2

Roof extension involving raising of the side roof, rear dormer window and three front and one side-facing roof lights

#### 4 Park Hall Road, N2

Conversion of the existing dwelling into two self-contained flats

#### 45 Durham Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window and two front-facing roof lights. Conversion of flat roof space to terrace area with glass balustrade and privacy screening

#### Outside 16 High Road, N2

Removal of existing BT payphone and installation of one new BT Street Hub. Installation of two digital internally illuminated, intermittent, double sided display screens to BT Street Hub.

#### 1-9 The Mead, N2

Addition of a new external

electrical intake cupboard to the front staircase.

#### 23-31 Font Hills, N2

Addition of a new external electrical intake cupboard to the front staircase

#### Flat 2 The Mount, 214 Creighton Avenue, N2

Conversion of the existing basement into habitable rooms. Conversion of existing garage into habitable room, insertion of window to replace garage door. New front entrance porch. Installation of clerestory glazing at the front of the property. New front hardstanding and vehicular access to provide two off-street parking spaces. Associated amenity space to rear of property, landscaping including timber decking and new boundary fence

#### 61-63 High Road, N2

Conversion of rear part of existing ground floor shop and ancillary

first floor C3 unit into three self-contained flats with associated alterations and amenity space including ground and first floor rear extension with new external staircase, external deck and roof terrace. Roof extension to two storey flat roof to create a new pitched roof with side facing rooflights and side facing dormer windows. Alterations to fenestration of existing ground floor shop rear elevation

#### 63 Bedford Road, N2

Roof extension involving L shaped rear dormer, three front-facing roof lights with an additional roof light to dormer roof.

#### 21 Church Lane, N2

Erection of new two-storey dwelling following demolition of the existing dwelling. New front hardstanding to provide off-street parking. Associated landscaping and patio area.