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Contact East Finchley's Community Police Officer, PC Paul Carter, at The Community Office, Golders Green Station, Tel: 020 8733 5562 or e-mail: paul.carter@met.police.uk

Community Services

- ❖ Credit Union, Green Man Community Centre 020 8883 4916
- ❖ Careers advice, Green Man, Community Centre 020 8883 4916
- ❖ Toy library, Muswell Hill 020 8444 0244/ 8489 8774

Setting the Local Agenda for East Finchley

The East Finchley Local Agenda 21 Partnership is holding a public meeting on Tuesday 11 March at the Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale. All residents, traders, community groups, young, old – in fact, all those with an interest in what happens in East Finchley – are invited to attend.

The meeting starts at 7pm with an opportunity to meet members of the East Finchley LA21 Partnership and residents who are interested in improving the quality of life locally. The Partnership has a strong traffic and transport sub-group and also a very active greening sub-group that raises young trees on its own allotment for planting throughout the area. As the meeting falls during Fairtrade Fortnight (3 to 16 March), Fairtrade refreshments will be available.

At 7.30pm, a guest speaker will give a short presentation. At the time of going to press, the speaker had still to be confirmed but the topic is likely to be either 'Local issues' or 'Fairtrade'. Once the speaker has finished answering your questions, there will be an open meeting to discuss future projects that the LA21 Partnership should get involved with.

This is your chance to have your say about the local issues that matter in East Finchley and also an opportunity for you to

get involved with the Partnership as we all work together to make East Finchley a better place for everyone. If you have any questions or want to find out more about the East Finchley LA21 Partnership, please contact Stuart Gadsden on (020) 8359 4664.

Smash & Dab

By Frank Tymków
Our shopkeepers have long enough days as it is, what with serving customers, stock management and book-keeping. It can only be made worse if they are called out in the middle of the night over what can only be described as mindless vandalism.

This was, unfortunately, the case for Top's Dry Cleaners in Fortis Green, when, after 17 years of trading the, 40-year-old shop window was smashed in by vandals wielding a bollard. I only hope that he will not be forced to put up one of those ghastly wire grilles, attracting the other destructive element of our society, the 'Graffiti Taggers'.

Growing Pains

By Daphne Chamberlain
Planned extensions and developments at Bishop Douglass School are giving concern to its neighbours.

Manor Park Road Residents' Association told *THE ARCHER* that, while agreeing that school facilities need improving, they are worried about the commercial aspects. Development plans include a fitness centre, and a focus on weekend activities.

With only 50 extra spaces planned for the extended car park, residents of Hamilton Road and Manor Park Road fear that the traffic in their already congested area will be "almost unbearable".

Lack of consultation

They are also worried about the potential increase in

late night/early morning functions. "I can take three or four a year," said one resident, "But there will probably be many more than that."

He and his neighbours are disturbed about the lack of consultation. As reported in last month's *ARCHER*, they say that they were not given adequate notice of the development by Barnet, and that green space and trees close to their homes have been demolished ahead of planning permission. They are now waiting for the relevant Council planning meeting to make their protest in person.

Local Planning Applications

National Hospital for Neurology, Great North Road, N2:

Demolition of the main hospital building in the Hampstead Garden Suburb conservation area, behind the White Lion public house.

5 Lincoln Parade, Lincoln Road:

Conversion of ground floor to office and provision of three self contained flats at first floor level.

The Bungalow, Cherry Tree Wood:

Erection of a new two-storey detached dwelling house with two off-street car parking spaces following demolition of existing dwelling house.

62 Fortis Green, N2:

Demolition of existing double garage and erection of a new single storey garage building with front dormer window and storage area in roof.

Signage:

Erection of new free-standing, non-illuminated London Borough of Barnet signage and sponsorship panel at the following places:

Pavement on both sides of the road opposite to 20 High Road, N2.

Pavement on both sides of the road next to 222 and 197, High Road, N2.

Pavement on both sides of the road next to 58 and 57, Fortis Green, N2.

Pavement next to 1 and 2 Cherry Tree Hill, Great North Road, N2.

Outside 15 Fortis Green, N2.

Pavement outside 201 Creighton Avenue, N2.

Pavement at junction of Hampstead Lane/The Bishops Avenue, N2.