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HOW THE PROPOSED NEW CIVIC ADMINISTRATION CENTRE MAY LOOK

SINCE ITS formation in April 1965, Barnet London Borough Council has been considering provision for a new Civic Administration Centre, in order that the Council's work can be streamlined and an even more efficient service be provided to the public it serves.

In addition, it is hoped that the new centre will prove an added attraction to the Borough.

It is stressed that the plans and model pictured below are merely proposals and no doubt will be subject to considerable alteration.

Several proposals have been put forward by the appropriate Chief Officers of the Council, and these form the basis for further study and development.

THE SITE chosen is on land at Regents Park Road, near its junction with East End Road and is virtually in the centre of the more populated area of the London Borough.

It lies geographically on the south-west slopes of the bolder clay ridge on which the Finchley area is located, and the land continues to slope away to the south-west where, in the far distance, the North Downs, from Boxhill to the Hog's Back, can be seen.

THIS SCHEME proposes that the main building should be a curvilinear block varying in height from five storeys at the northern end to ten storeys at the southern end, thus giving the majority of the offices the benefit of an east/west aspect.

Studies of "dimensional systems" have disclosed that to obtain sweeping curves, as indicated on the model of the diagrammatic and study scheme, a minimum radius of 140 feet, using a series of straights, is required.

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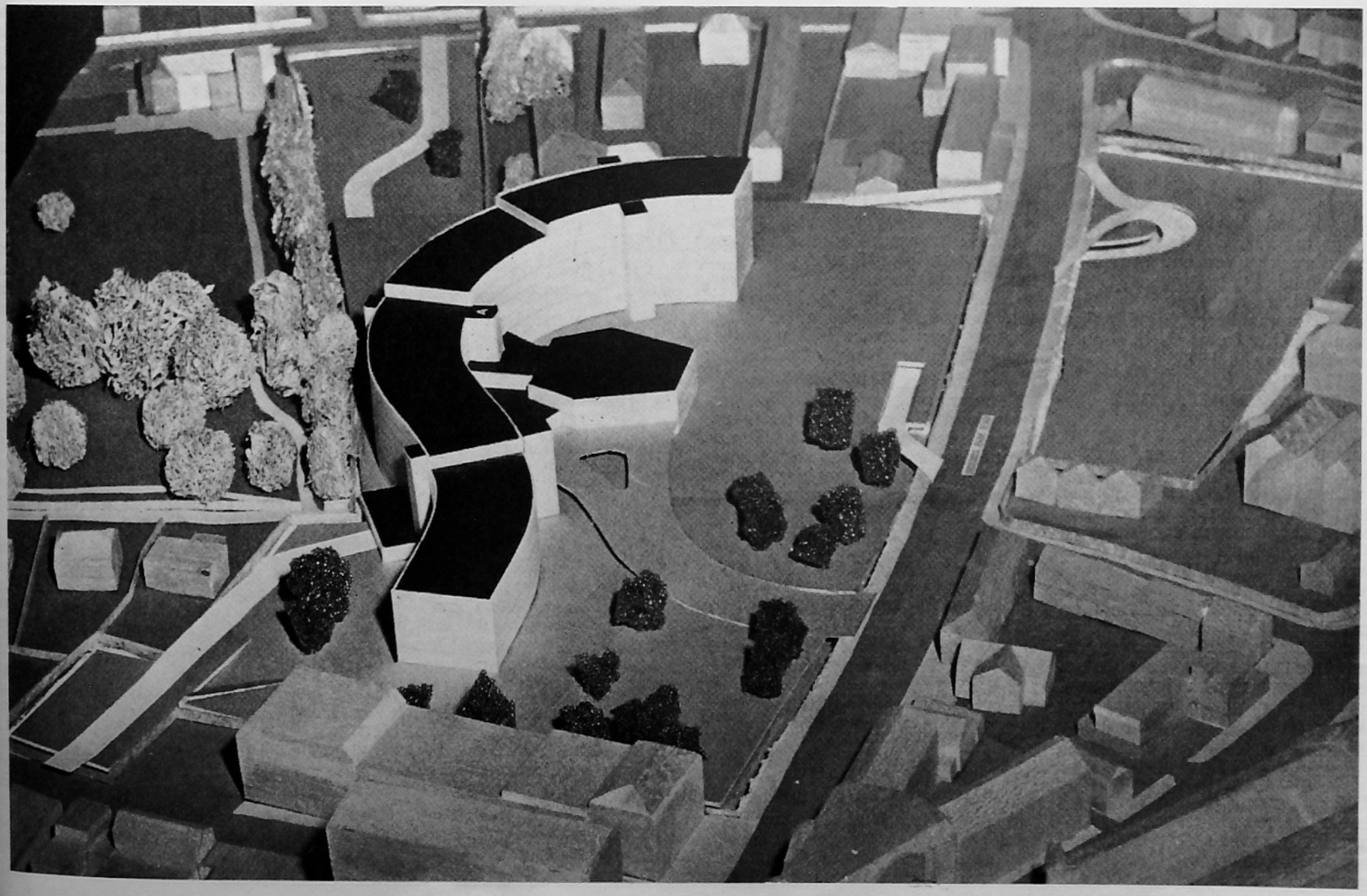

Meet three more elected representatives

COUNCILLOR NORMAN HIRSHFIELD, who has represented the Hendon Ward on Barnet London Borough Council since 1968, serves on the Development and Research, Grahame Park and Burnt Oak, and Housing Committees of the Council.

He is Vice-Chairman of a School's Managing Body and a Member of a School's Governing Body.

A director of several property development and investment companies, he started practice on his own account as surveyor and estate agent in 1934 after five years' apprenticeship, and following merger of his firm is now Senior Partner of Norman Hirshfield Ryde & Browne (Rating and Building Surveyors, Auctioneers, Valuers and Estate Agents) whose history dates back to 1846. He qualified in 1947 and is a Fellow of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers.

He joined the National Fire Service in 1938, was mobilised on the outbreak of war and promoted Operational Staff Officer (Company Officer rank) to the Fire Force Commander, No. 35 Fire Force H.Q. from 1942 until demobilisation in 1945.

SOUTH WALES

Councillor Hirshfield, who is married with two sons and a married daughter, was born in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales, and has lived in London since 1922 and in the borough for the past 38 years. Educated at Willsons Grammar School (1923-1924) and the City of London School (1924-1929) he is a member of the John Carpenter Club (Old Citizens' Association) which he has represented in the Public Schools annual Halford Hewitt Golf Tournament. A member of the Mill Hill Golf Club since the early fifties and is also keenly interested in sailing and chess.

His late father was a member of the former Hendon Borough Council for more than 13 years until his resignation in 1947, and previously of the Camberwell Borough Council

COUNCILLOR DAVID BURTON was elected to the Council in May 1968 as a representative of the Woodhouse Ward and serves on a number of Committees which are largely complementary to his main interests. They are Finance, Estates and Budgetary Control sub-committee, which are relevant to his occupation, and Carnival and Shows and Sports and Recreational sub-committee which are applicable to his leisure moments.

One further duty is the Children's Committee which, perhaps through little previous knowledge has contained his interest in an effort to fully understand and assist in, as he describes it, 'the excellent work of this Department of the Council'.

EDUCATION

Councillor Burton is also concerned with education. He is a Governor of Woodhouse Grammar, East Barnet Grammar, Friern Barnet and John Hampden Schools and is a Manager of Sacred Heart R. C. School, Oakleigh Park, and St. Mary's Church of England School, East Barnet. He is also on the Managing Body of a further group of six primary schools.

Among other of his public interests, he is Financial Trustee to the Woodside Old People's Homes, Totteridge and Financial Adviser to the Finchley charities. He is also a General Commissioner of Taxes.

TERRITORIALS

He was born and lived in Highgate for a number of years before moving into the Barnet area in 1953 and it was in this same year that he was elected a Member of the Stock Exchange where, apart from the war years, he had been employed all his working life. He is married and has one daughter who recently presented to him his first grandchild.

During 1936 he joined the Territorial Army and served throughout the last War and, for a time, he was attached to the 334 Battery R.A. (Barnet) T.A. The last two years saw him at SHAEF and he was at the little red school in Rheims where peace terms were negotiated.

Although Councillor Burton, in following his occupation, spent considerable time in study, he always found time for sport. He played cricket from schooldays until he was 46 years of age when he was forced to turn to the less energetic game of golf which he still plays. He is a past Captain of the North Middlesex Golf Club. Through other recreational interests, he became associated with club life in the east side of London and was for many years President of the Clapton Park Working Men's Club.

COUNCILLOR MRS. E. R. GIBSON was elected to the council, for the Finchley Ward in 1968, and serves on the Health, Libraries, Carnival and Shows and Education Committees.

She is married with three young children, and has lived in the Finchley area for 30 years—the last 15 in Whetstone. Her husband is also a member of the council.

Prior to her marriage she was Transport Manager in a public company.

ACTIVE MEMBER

Councillor Mrs. Gibson has been an active member of the Conservative Association for 26 years, and has been Divisional Secretary of the Finchley and Friern Barnet Young Conservatives and of the senior association.

She is a member of the Finchley Council of Christians and Jews, the Anglo Israel Friendship League of Finchley, Friends of Le Raincy Society, and President of the North Finchley Girl Guides Local Association.

Councillor Mrs. Gibson was Mayoress of Finchley in 1961/62.

COLLEGE'S OPEN DAY AT BARNET

THE BARNET COLLEGE will be open to the public on Saturday, March 27, between 2.0 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The college has six departments, and an interesting and stimulating afternoon will be provided for those who have a feeling for further education.

The departments of Art, Adult Education, Business and Social Studies, Engineering, General Studies and Science cover a very wide field in further education. There are full-time, part-time, day-release and evening courses in most G.C.E. 'O' and 'A' level subjects; in each of the engineering, science and business sectors there is a wide range of courses including those of Ordinary National Certificate level.

Local Government and Secretarial courses, Foundation and Environmental Design courses in Art, and Engineering Induction Training are also provided.

EXHIBITION

The exhibition will include demonstrations and displays in each department, and the public will have the opportunity to see the first-class facilities which are available in this modern college in the Borough of Barnet.

There will be free access to laboratories, workshops, classrooms and library, as well as the opportunity to discuss with members of staff matters of interest concerning courses.

The college is housed in modern buildings; on the same site, adjacent to the college, is the Tudor Hall which is scheduled as an ancient monument and which has recently been renovated; the Hall will be used for the fashion display.

Having toured the college, visitors will be able to have refreshments in the Refectory.

Interesting folder explains the library services

A USEFUL and interesting folder containing a series of leaflets explaining the various aspects of the Barnet library service, has recently been issued by the Libraries and Arts Committee.

The folder, which is produced in black, white and tan, carries a map of the borough on which the branch libraries are shown and gives full details of libraries and museums, with addresses and telephone numbers.

The leaflets for insertion in the folder include :

LIBRARY RESOURCES. This indicates the extent of the material available from the libraries.

AIDS TO READERS. This describes the catalogues which are compiled with the aid of the Borough council's computer.

REFERENCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES shows how the reference service aims to provide information on any subject which may be obtained from printed material and other available sources, such as specialist libraries and organisations. It lists the separate reference departments and the type of material available.

LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION, which includes on the cover a map of the borough from a 1690 map of Middlesex, shows how for many years the libraries have been assembling material such as books, pamphlets, prints, photographs, maps, newspapers and documents which throw light on the history of the borough and its residents. A leaflet on CHURCH FARM HOUSE MUSEUM gives hours of opening and a brief history of the Museum, whereas a further description is available in an illustrated booklet which may be obtained from the museum at a cost of 7½p.

LIBRARIES FOR CHILDREN, which as well as giving the conditions of borrowing tells how books may be reserved and mentions the children's library clubs and story hours which are held throughout the borough. WHAT'S ON? CHILDREN'S LIBRARY CLUBS 1970/71 gives the full programme of these clubs.

GRAMOPHONE RECORD LIBRARIES includes some useful hints on the care of records.

TRAVELLING LIBRARIES. This leaflet gives sites and times, and the "HOUSE - BOUND READER SERVICE", shows how people who are house - bound through age or infirmity may be supplied with library books in a door-to-door service.

Original paintings are available for loan, at a small fee, from North Finchley Library, and the conditions of loan are given in the "PICTURE LENDING SERVICE" leaflet.

EXHIBITIONS FOR YOU TO SEE

March 3—March 20 at East Finchley Library

KENNETH LANGSTAFF—EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS
Kenneth Langstaff is a professional illustrator and painter in oil and water-colour. He has frequently exhibited at the Royal Academy, the Royal Society of British Artists and F.B.A. Gallery exhibitions, and "Britain in Water-Colour" exhibitions. He does much illustrative work for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents—including the "Tufty" Annuals, the aim of which is to teach road safety to very young children.

March 6—March 27 at North Finchley Library

PICTURE LENDING SERVICE—EXHIBITION OF NEW ADDITIONS
Original paintings, which are available for loan to members of Barnet Libraries, are housed at North Finchley Library. New pictures are added regularly to the scheme and these will be on show in this exhibition, from which any picture may be reserved.

February 13—March 21 at Church Farm House Museum

FROM MEDIAEVAL VILLAGERS TO MODERN CITIZENS
An exhibition of original records of personalities and families who have lived in this area since mediaeval times.
From the Local History Collections in the Libraries Department.

SEVEN NEW PROJECTS

SEVEN projects have been included in the Schools Building Programme "Design List" for 1971/72 as follows :

School	Project
Grahame Park County Primary	Infants new school (240 places).
Grahame Park County Secondary	Completion for 1,080 places including 180 VIth form (570 places).
Ashmole Secondary	Completion for 1,080 places including 180 VIth form (390 places).
* Brunswick Park Junior Mixed Infants	280 places
* Queenswell Junior Mixed Infants	280 places instalment
* St. John's Church of England (Aided) Junior Mixed Infants	280 places
* Holy Trinity Church of England (Aided) Junior Mixed Infants	280 places
* Primary School replacements	

A scene which is just around the corner. Anglers seen at the pond, Moat Mount Open Space, Mill Hill.

MODERN STYLE SHOPPING CENTRE FOR BURNT OAK

A NEW-STYLE pedestrian precinct laid out with trees and shrubs and a 60,000 square feet of shopping floor space is to be built at Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak.

The face-lift is to go ahead quickly to cater for the 10,000 people on the nearby new development of Grahame Park now taking shape on the former Hendon Aerodrome.

Councillor W. G. Hart, Chairman of the Council's Grahame Park and Burnt Oak Development Committee describes the scheme as "first-class" and will be an added attraction to the Borough.
A multi-storey car park to take 1,000 cars will be built on waste land to the north of the market.

To reach the car park, drivers will use new access roads which will be built by Barnet Council.

One road, which will also serve the new North Road Housing Area, will start from Burnt Oak Broadway, just north of Barnfield Road. The other is to be built just west of Burnt Oak Station and will cut across to the car park on a route roughly adjoining the tube line, from Watling Avenue.

Both these access roads will be for local traffic only—that is drivers wanting to reach the car park. Through traffic will be excluded entirely and will have to use alternative routes.

However, a bus route will run through the area, and a bus station is to be built on land between the new centre and the car park. And, only yards away, will be the present Burnt Oak Tube station.

In addition improvement work is to be done to other roads in the vicinity.

Back Lane, a narrow thoroughfare jammed with parked cars at the moment, is to be widened to improve rear access to shops in Watling Avenue. And Market Lane, which runs behind the shops on the other side of Watling Avenue, will also be widened.

Barnfield Road will be stopped up at its junctions with Watling Avenue, by the building of new shop premises.

The whole concept of the new development is that it will be traffic free.

To this end Watling Avenue will become a pedestrian precinct from its junction with Burnt Oak Broadway to the point where the new access road is to be constructed just west of Burnt Oak station.
Stallholders who at present use Watling Market will be found

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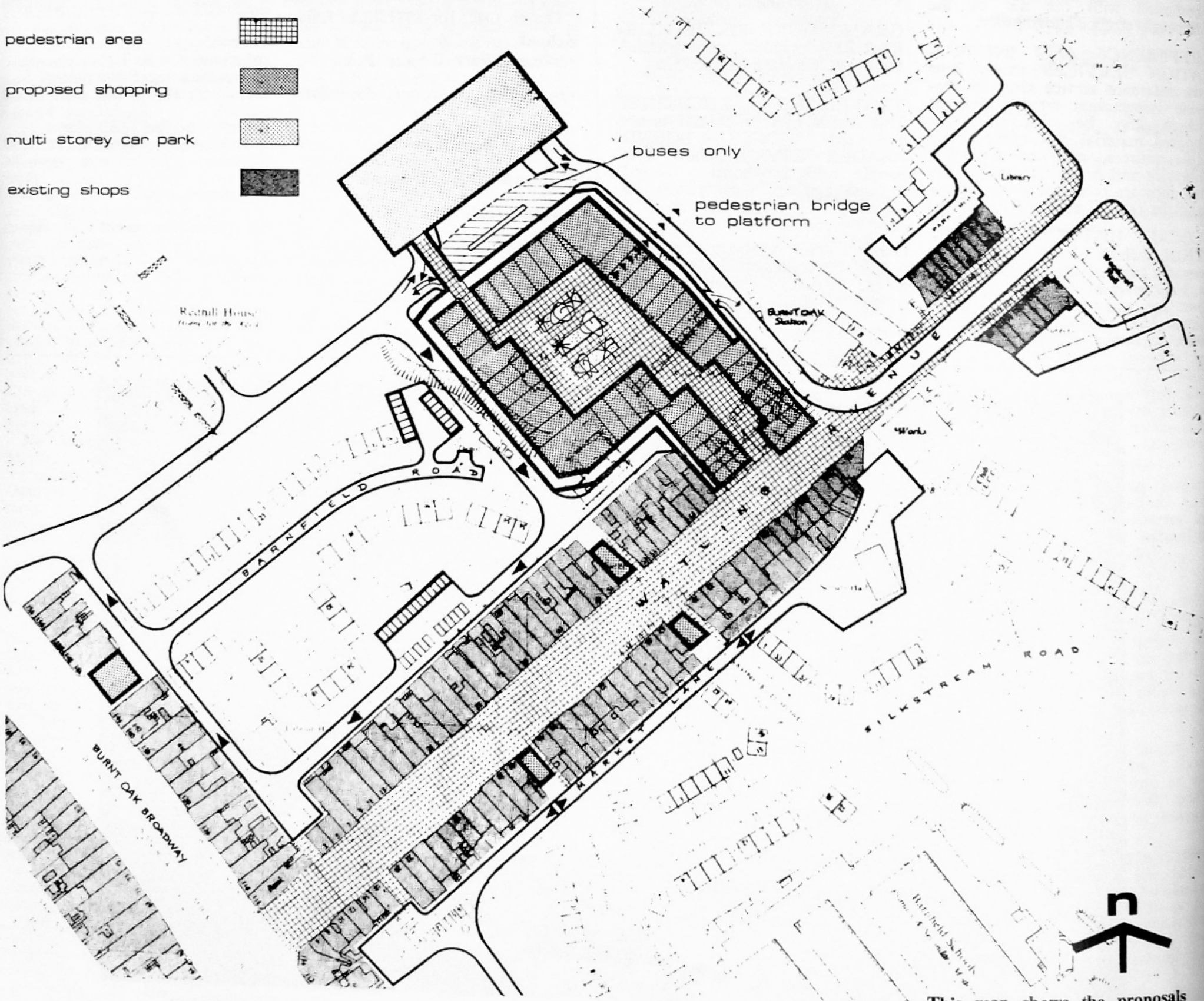

This map shows the proposals for giving the centre of Burnt Oak a complete "face-lift".

AERIAL SURVEY AT EDGWARE

AN ORDER has been placed by the London Borough of Barnet with Hunting Surveys Limited, for the aerial survey of Edgware and Burnt Oak Shopping Centres. The survey is needed for the production of accurate plans of the areas for town planning work.

Aerial survey is to be used because it will enable the survey to be completed in the shortest time, while causing the minimum inconvenience to householders and traffic. However, once the mapping has been made from the photographs it is necessary to make certain checks on the ground, and surveyors will be working through the area to do this about the end of March and the first half of April.

The surveyors engaged on this work will carry letters of identification from the Council, together with identity cards from Hunting Surveys Limited.

Householders are asked to cooperate by allowing these surveyors access to their gardens when requested. These surveyors do not need to enter the house. It must be emphasised, however, that no householder is under any obligation to allow access to his property, and householders should only permit access if they are satisfied by the credentials of the surveyor.

If anyone is at all suspicious of any men claiming to be surveyors in this period they should telephone the Borough Engineer's Department (01-349 9121, extn. 259), or the Police, when their suspicions will be promptly investigated.

THE ARTIST'S SKETCH captures the charm of the 18th century house and cottages situated at Hadley Green Road - The Old Cottage is embraced by Hadley Cote on one side and the 3-storey Ossulton House on the right.

Preserving Monken Hadley area

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS are being invited to make observeations on a report issued by Barnet London Borough Council on measures for the preservation and enhancement of the character of the Monken Hadley Conservation Area.

Monken Hadley is one of five conservation areas designated by the Borough Council under the Civic Amenities Act, 1967.

The report relating to Monken Hadley has been prepared and approved by the Buildings and Town Planning Committee of the Borough Council as a basis for consultation with the Monken Hadley Conservation Area Advisory Committee, local organisations and residents.

The Council invites written observations to be submitted to the Borough Planning Officer, Gateway House, 322 Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP by April 30 1971.

Copies of the report for public inspection and borrowing are being retained in the following libraries:-

Barnet Library
Church Passage, Barnet.
East Barnet Library
Brookhill Road, East Barnet.
Osidge Library
Brunswick Park Road, N.11.

In addition, a copy of the report is also available for public inspection at the Northern Divisional Planning Office, Station Road, New Barnet.

Other copies may be purchased at 10/- (50p) per copy upon written application to the Town Clerk, Town Hall, The Burroughs, London, NW4 4BG.

To coincide with the report, the Borough Planning Officer has prepared an exhibition and this will be on display as follows :-

Osidge Library
Brunswick Park Road, N11.
March 9 to April 3 1971.

NEW DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

BARNET LONDON Borough Council has appointed Mr. D. C. U. Swain as its Director of Social Services. He took up his new duties in February.

Mr. Swain has moved from the London Borough of Islington where he was Chief Welfare Officer.

He has had wide experience in social work, spanning appointments with local authorities in Cardiff, Huddersfield, Down County Council, Hampshire, Salop, Kent and Somerset, where he was educated at Bruton School.

He holds the Diploma in Public Administration (London) and is a member of the British Social Workers Association and is also a fellow of the Institute of Social Welfare.

Mr. Swain is at present located at Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley N3 2LP.

PELICAN CROSSINGS COME TO BARNET

A NEW TYPE OF pedestrian crossing, known as a 'Pelican crossing', is being erected at High Road, Finchley, N.12., near to its junction with Lodge Lane, and comes into operation in March.

The new signalling equipment has been developed by the Department of the Environment, and Barnet Council is erecting it on behalf of the Department and the GLC. Pedestrians wishing to cross at this point - where previously there has been an uncontrolled zebra crossing - will have to observe three figures.

A red figure denotes that it is dangerous to cross and the pedestrian will have to press a button. When a green figure appears on an illuminated panel, pedestrians have priority to cross the road. A flashing green signal denotes that the lights are about to change and warns pedestrians that they should not start to cross.

From the driver's viewpoint, the traffic signals are similar to those already in general operation, except that a flashing amber light warns the motorist to give way to pedestrians and only proceed if the crossing is clear. Amber on its own warns the driver to stop unless it is unsafe to do so.

A simple leaflet, giving details on the new crossings, is available for members of the public, explaining how the 'Pelicans' operate, and these leaflets may be obtained from the following locations :

(a) Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG.
(b) Gateway House, 322 Regents Park Road, N3 2LP.
(c) Friern Barnet Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N11 3DL.
(d) North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Ave., N12 9HP.

Two further Pelican crossings will shortly be installed at Tally Ho Corner, N12.

EXCHANGE VISITS BRING HAPPY LASTING LINKS

EVERY YEAR young people between the ages of 14 and 21 who live or attend schools or organisations in the London Borough of Barnet, are given the opportunity to visit West Berlin, Siegerland or Switzerland.

The history behind these youthful exchanges, many of which have culminated in lasting friendships and in some instances marriage, makes interesting reading.

In 1951, Eric Burton, the Finchley Youth Officer, and his wife, Molly, took the first party of some 10 young people from the former Borough of Finchley to visit the County town of Siegen in Siegerland, Western Germany. These young people stayed as guests of the Town Council and lived with German families for two weeks, during which they were given every opportunity to meet people and to discover the nature of their environment, culture and work. In addition, a social programme was planned in which the German hosts played their part as vigourously as the Finchley youth. Shortly after their return, these young people received as their guests, the children of the families with whom they had stayed.

This year, in which the 20th Exchange Year with Siegerland will be commemorated and some 30 young people and their leaders will be going abroad, one finds that the essential ingredients of a successful exchange visit are much the same as in the early days. Indeed, so successful are the Youth Service Exchange Visits, that the London Borough of Barnet decided to create a Civic Link with Siegerland, in addition to the one that already operated with the Borough of Templehof in West Germany.

The former Borough of Hendon had had a civic Link with Tempelhof for many years and after the inception of the London Borough of Barnet, a Youth Service Exchange, similar to that with Siegerland, was continued and operates to this day with 20 young people staying with German families and 10 young people spending two weeks in the International Camp promoted by the Tempelhof Authority.

Whenever possible, in addition to these annual exchanges, a third event is arranged and this year, as in 1970, a party of young people from Barnet will be staying as guests of the Basle Authority and, together with the young people of their host families, will explore the Swiss countryside.

In addition to the three exchanges already mentioned, the borough has sent teams of athletes, cross-country runners, footballers, canoeists and sailors, tennis and badminton players to compete on the Continent and during the years, these young ambassadors of the borough have brought back with them the admiration and respect of all those they have met during their travels.

However, in these days of acute housing shortage, it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain accommodation for our Continental guests. Although a family to family exchange is the main objective, when Barnet families are not able to accommodate a visitor, a Barnet young person is not automatically deprived of the opportunity to go abroad. More and more Barnet residents are being called on to offer hospitality for periods of two weeks during the months of July and August for which the Borough offers payment towards the cost.

The details of the 1971 Exchanges are :-

BARNET TO BASLE
(SWITZERLAND) —
August 2-16 1971
(subject to flight confirmation)
Cost £25 (inclusive)

This is a reciprocal home-to-home Exchange and there are places for 20 young people, preferably over 15 years of age. The party will be led by two Leaders and the young people stay in homes of Basle families as guests of the Basle Schuler. The social and cultural programme offered in Basle is fascinating and extensive and excursions into the Swiss countryside play an important part of the visit.

English lemonade in a Barnet club being enjoyed by German guests from Siegen.

BASLE TO BARNET
July 19-August 2 1971
(subject to flight confirmation)

As in 1970, the Barnet young people participating in the Basle/Barnet Exchange will be given the opportunity of helping to arrange the social programme enjoyed by our guests whilst in Barnet.

BARNET TO SIEGEN, SIEGERLAND, W. GERMANY
August 2-16 1971•
(subject to flight confirmation)
Cost £25 (inclusive)

As 1971 sees the Twentieth Year of this particular Exchange visit, both the Siegen Authority and the Borough of Barnet are preparing a special programme to commemorate the event. The Barnet group will be staging a number of theatrical playlets depicting aspects of the Exchange visits and also sketches and folk singing sessions, both in Barnet and Siegen. In addition, there will be opportunities for all those who have been connected with the Siegen/Barnet Exchange over the past 20 years to join in the celebrations and meet together at the grand re-unions in both Barnet and Siegen. The group will be led by experienced Leaders and there are 30 places for young people between the ages of 14 and 21 years, who will stay in German families as in previous years. Whilst it is not a condition of acceptance that a Barnet young person must offer reciprocal hospitality, it would be of great assistance if this were possible.

SIEGEN TO BARNET
August 16-30 1971
(subject to flight confirmation)

During the time our Siegen guests are here, it is hoped they will have the opportunity of meeting as many Barnet people and discovering for themselves the English way of life, as their countrymen have been doing over the last two decades.

BARNET TO TEMPELHOF, W. BERLIN
August 9-23 1971
(subject to flight confirmation)
Cost £25 (inclusive)

This year, we are fortunate to be able to offer an additional attraction to this already popular visit to historic Berlin. The 20 young people and their Leaders, who will stay in the homes of Berlin families as guests of the Borough of Tempelhof, will, in addition to enjoying a full social and cultural programme, have at least 4 days canoeing and sailing experience in West Berlin. Although ability in canoeing and sailing is desirable for those wishing to avail themselves of this particular exchange, tuition will be given in advance by the party leaders prior to the group leaving Barnet. However, applicants who will be sailing or canoeing, must be able to swim competently. Wherever possible, offers of accommodation for our Tempelhof visitors will be greatly appreciated.

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REFUSE BINS — HOUSEHOLDERS' CO-OPERATION SOUGHT

BARNET LONDON Borough Council is requesting the co-operation of all householders in selecting refuse containers of an approved type when the old dustbins are due for replacement

One certain type of dustbin which is in circulation throughout the Borough is a type which, when handled by the refuse collectors, causes much difficulty because of the absence of proper handles. The only satisfactory way of carrying the bin is for the collector to put his hands inside but this is both unhygienic and dangerous. Householders in question are requested to purchase other types of refuse containers and are advised not to purchase this type of bin.

The type of refuse container recommended by the Council under the Public Health Act, 1936, is manufactured in accordance with the appropriate British Standards specification and has a capacity not exceeding 3¼ cubic feet; it should be made of galvanised steel or other metal of sufficient strength, with suitable handles and a properly fitting lid.

The Council wishes to point out to householders that, with regard to plastic dustbins, the Council do not accept liability for damage caused by normal usage. The material from which these types of dustbins are made becomes brittle during cold weather and often results in a large number of these bins splitting.

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TEMPELHOF TO BARNET

July 26-Agust 9 1971

(subject to flight confirmation)

During the time our Tempelhof guests are here, they will have made available to them the facilities at the Welsh Harp Youth Sailing Base. It is hoped that those going to Tempelhof and others who are interested, will join them in all aspects of their programme.

The Council is well aware that nowadays there is an ever increasing number of agencies, schools amongst them, who offer young people the opportunity to travel.

However, the objectives of the Youth Service Exchange Visits differ from all others. In our advanced technological age, it is becoming more and more apparent that the true meaning of international understanding and peace is something for which it is necessary to work hard. Who more important to learn this lesson and to be given the opportunity of doing so than our young people, Tomorrow's Citizens? These young people from Western Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, France, Holland and many other countries who meet with our Barnet youth, are creating the essence of understanding through their joint endeavours in the fields of sport, culture and friendship. In addition, the Exchange visits have always proved extremely good fun, which in itself is a good enough recommendation.

George Bernard Shaw wrote :

You see things and you say
'why'?
But I dream things that never
were;
And I say 'Why not'.

Shall not our youth look to the world about them and also say 'Why not'.

If anyone interested in either offering accommodation or taking part, please contact the Chief Education Officer, London Borough of Barnet, Education Department, Town Hall, Friern Barnet, London, N11 as soon as possible. There will be interviews for all applicants who wish to participate but, in the event of exchanges being over-subscribed, the first applications received will be given priority.

DEGREE CEREMONY AT COLLEGE

HENDON COLLEGE of Technology's second degree ceremony will be held at the college on Friday, March 12 starting at seven o'clock. At the ceremony recognition will be made of the successes of the students from degree and degree level courses.

Certificates and diplomas will be handed to the students and the principal guest is to be a professor from the University of Sheffield.

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alternative space—possibly in the pedestrian precinct of Watling Avenue, which is to be laid out with trees and shrubs and maybe Continental style coffee houses.

Alternative accommodation may also be found for the Labour Hall, the Conservative Hall and Salvation Army Hall, all of which could be affected by the proposals.

This Statue was presented to the Finchley Urban District Council by the Rt. Hon. Viscount Rothermere, P.C., and was unveiled by the Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, P.C., O.M., M.P., on the 20th October, 1927. It stands at the junction of the North Circular Road and Regents Park Road.

The statue, which is in green bronze, is regarded as the finest piece of bronze sculpture produced in France for many years.

It is the work of Monsieur Guillaume, the greatest modern French sculptor, and was exhibited at the 1920 Salon of French Artists, where it obtained the Gold Medal which carries with it the title of "Hors Concours" (Beyond Competition).

Viscount Rothermere purchased it from the salon and at the special request of the Municipality of Paris, His Lordship lent it for exhibition at the Paris Exhibition.

The statue itself stands about 15 feet from foot to tip of sword.

The sculptor's title for the statue is "La Délivrance", and the idea was inspired in him by the Victory of the Allied troops at the Battle of the Marne.

ADVICE ON ALTERING DWELLING HOUSES

BARNET London Borough Council has recently considered two cases in which a front porch and a car port had been erected at dwelling houses in the Borough without the necessary consents of the Council being applied for or obtained.

The Council wishes to draw the attention of householders to the fact that the construction of an addition to a house or the erection of a prefabricated structure may require planning permission, approval under the Building Regulations to conform with the building line, consent for highway purposes.

If a householder has commissioned an agent to draw up plans for alterations or additions or to carry out the work, the householder should ensure that the agent has both applied for and obtained any necessary consents.

Failure to obtain these could result in the householder being requested to remove the works after their completion and proceedings be taken against him for a fine.

REGISTER OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

A register is maintained in the Town Clerk's Department of all known local organisations, to which reference is often made to satisfy the many enquiries received from residents wishing to take part in their own hobby, sport or entertainment.

There are 700 local organisations in the register, although it is felt that in a London Borough as large as Barnet there may be many more.

Reply-cards to amend details contained in the register are sent to secretaries of local organisations, and it is requested that Honorary Secretaries of organisations which are not recorded, should inform the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Hendon, London, N.W.4. (Ref. Press and Information).

MORE BLOOD DONORS
are urgently needed
for sessions at the
Regional Transfusion Centre
Deansbrook Rd., Edgware
or other centres in the area
Ring 01-952 5511
for an appointment
or collect an enrolment
form from any Post Office
BLOOD DONORS
SAVE LIVES

How to dispose of that old car

Under the Civic Amenities Act, 1967, it became an offence to dump old vehicles, or other junk, anywhere "in the open air". For a first offence the fine can be up to £100 with a maximum penalty rising to three months imprisonment and/or a fine of £200 for a second offence.

Unwanted cars and other motor vehicles can be taken to certain depots in most areas where they will be accepted for disposal, free of charge. The registration books must also be handed over at the same time and owners must sign an indemnity certificate transferring ownership to the Greater London Council.

For the Barnet London Borough area the depot is : -
Summers Lane Depot, Finchley, N.12 Tel. 01-368 2629/8083

Times when vehicles may be accepted :

Mon. to Thur. 7.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m.
Friday 7.30 a.m.-3.30 p.m.
Saturday 7.30 a.m.-11 a.m.

The Council will, upon request and the receipt of the remittance of the appropriate amount, and the registration book, remove the vehicle at a charge of £2 if towable, or £3 if trailer has to be used.

Drivers should be aware, however, not to dump the unwanted vehicle outside the council refuse depot as vehicles so left could be regarded as abandoned, and in this event the owner would then be liable to the above-mentioned penalties.

HOW THE PROPOSED NEW CIVIC ADMINISTRATION CENTRE MAY LOOK *from page 1*

As Regents Park Road is the major noise source, all the offices have been located as far away from it as possible, with the civic suite to the front, which in this position would easily be seen from both directions along Regents Park Road, besides being the dominant feature of the complex.

A LARGE AREA at the front of the site could be laid out for the benefit and use of the public, and it is proposed that there should be walk-ways through to the Avenue House grounds by forming openings in the main building and pedestrian bridges where necessary over the service road.

All departments of the Council are to be housed in the Civic Centre. At present they are scattered throughout the Borough.
THE CIVIC SUITE is connected directly to the Town Clerk's Department at the main entrance level and has its own ramped vehicular and pedestrian "ceremonial way" from Regents Park Road.

THE CAR PARKING AREA is wholly on the east side of Regents Park Road, and allows for approximately 1,000 cars arranged on two levels. This permits a direct vertical pedestrian movement between the car park and buildings over. Vehicular movement into and out of the car park is via an underpass and circular ramp leading to the west-side of Regents Park Road, and a service road off East End Road, this arrangement being necessary to conform with traffic management proposals. Vehicles delivering goods to the office building would use a service road connecting to Arcadia Avenue.

The use of the curve as a design feature would readily distinguish this Scheme from other office buildings of similar scale.

Planning applications: a guide to help the ratepayer

ANYONE who has made a Town Planning application, which has been refused by the Council and wishes to appeal against the decision, must serve a notice of appeal on the Secretary, Department of the Environment, Whitehall, London, S.W.1. within six months of the date of notification of the Council's decision. The Secretary can, at his discretion allow a longer period for service of the notice.

The secretary informs the council of the appeal, and within approximately two weeks of notifying the council of the appeal, the secretary writes to ask whether the council wish to be heard at a Local Inquiry or whether they agree to the appeal being dealt with by means of written representations.

The Town Clerk consults the Borough Planning Officer in regard to the method by which the appeal should be dealt with and then submits a report to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Buildings and Town Planning Committee on the matter who have delegated power to make a decision. The secretary is then informed of the Council's wishes.

The secretary determines whether the appeal will be dealt with by a Local Inquiry or by written representations and informs the Council and the person making the appeal. (If either party requests a Local Inquiry this procedure is normally adopted).

COMMENT

If the written representations procedure is accepted, the councils' statement is requested within one month. When both the council's and the appellant's statements have been submitted to the ministry each party is entitled to comment upon the other's statement. The ministry arrange with the council for one of their Inspectors to make a site inspection, and following this the ministry's decision on the appeal is usually forthcoming within six to eight weeks.

If the Local Inquiry procedure is adopted a mutually convenient date for the inquiry is arranged by the Ministry. The number of possible dates is limited as these must be convenient to the Ministry Inspectors having regard to their programmes, the Council's Officers concerned and the appellant, and, of course, accommodation must be available.

It may be up to four months before the inquiry is held, and another two to three months for the ministry decision to be notified. These periods will to some extent depend on whether the appeal is of a type which can be decided by the minister's inspector.

During the period January 1 to September 1 1970, the council were notified of 57 appeals: of these 31 cases were dealt with, or are being dealt with, by written representations procedure, and 26 by Local Inquiry. Because of the limitations on dates available, the last six of these Local Inquiries will be heard between October 1 and November 24 1971.

The council agree to the adoption of written representations procedure as often as possible, and only request a Local Inquiry where the circumstances warrant.

However, in some cases the appellant asks to be heard at an inquiry even though the council are agreeable to have the matter dealt with by the exchange of written statements. As stated above, if either party so requests, an inquiry is held.

ARTS COUNCIL'S DRAMA CONTEST STARTS IN MARCH

THE ANNUAL drama competition, organised by Barnet Borough Arts Council's Drama Sub-Committee, will take place between March 1 and May 31 next. Adjudicator Mr. John Rule will visit the productions of competing societies around the borough. Since the competition began five years ago the number of competitors has risen, to the point last year where there were 16 entries.

This competition is one of the many ways by which the arts may be developed in the London Borough of Barnet Borough Arts Council, details of which may be obtained from the honorary secretary, Mrs. Pamela Edwards, c/o Hertford Lodge, East End Road, Finchley, N.3.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

MEMBERS OF THE public are invited to attend Council Meetings on Tuesday March 30 and April 27 at the Town Hall, Hendon, NW4 at 7 p.m. Copies of the agenda will be available in the public gallery.

Members of the public may also attend a meeting of the Education Committee on Wednesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, Hendon.

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