

CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

NO ONE SHOULD MISS OUT

A new co-ordinated approach to providing services in Barnet will create opportunity for all - and lays the foundation for a new future which ensures no individual or sector of the community misses out.

The Council has agreed a strategic plan which means every aspect of life in Barnet and the needs of groups and individuals go under the spotlight when policy decisions are being made.

"No decision can be taken in isolation. Every specific decision we make impacts on all our services - and the people we are providing them for.



"We are determined to create opportunities for those who do not have them and extend opportunities for those who seek them," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

The plan, which revolutionises the approach to providing services and targeting resources to those who need them most, is based on five key aims

In its decision-making the

Council is determined to continue to make Barnet modern, involve all sectors of the community, create an attractive environment, revitalise the economy and ensure the best opportunities in education for all.

The Council revealed this week it is already preparing new policies covering much of its work and the services provided for the people of the Borough.

As part of this new co-ordinated approach, early issues to be tackled are likely to be improving access to the Council for all, the Council's role in education, sheltered housing and a strategy for

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**Barnet Will Be:
Modern
Involved
Attractive
Revitalised
Educated**

....AND ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS



These smiling children from Burnt Oak's Barnfield School set an example on protecting our environment - and staying healthy - when they joined Cabinet Member for Environment Councillor Geof Cooke and Barnet's Mayor Councillor Anita Campbell during Walk to School Week.

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FLOWER POWER BRINGS TOP AWARDS



Horticultural students from Barnet's Skills Training Centre scooped three top awards at the Chelsea Flower Show with their courtyard garden.

Entitled the Garden of Elements, the students won the BBC viewers choice for the favourite courtyard garden taking over 3000 votes.

The students also won the gold medal and the Royal Horticultural Society trophy for best courtyard garden.

The theme of the garden was based on the four elements - fire, earth, air and water - and was designed to stimulate the senses by encouraging visitors to connect with the relevant element.

"This is a tremendous result for the students and their tutors who have been justly rewarded for all their hard work at this the world's most prestigious gardening event," said Councillor Susette Palmer, Barnet Council's Cabinet Member for Community Development.

These students have been taking part in the General Certificate Course in Horticultural run by the Skills Centre.

The Skills Centre is expected to play an increasingly important role in the Council's new strategic plan to create opportunities for all.

and our survey says... Thumbs up for services

The majority of residents believe the Council is doing a good job and making Barnet a better place to live. The thumbs up for services and value comes after a borough-wide survey asked residents what they thought of the performance of the Council.

In a direct comparison with last year's survey, residents said Barnet was continuing to improve services and involve them in decision-making.

But there were areas where residents felt services could be improved - and the Council has vowed to listen and learn to improve these during the coming months.

Refuse collection had the highest rating of any service with 72 per cent of residents saying it was good, very good or excellent.

The majority of residents, 72 per cent, found Council staff friendly and polite with 66 per cent believing the Council is doing a good job.

The Council's continuing efforts to make the Borough a better place to live in scored high ratings, with 64 per cent of

BUT COUNCIL MUST LISTEN AND LEARN

residents believing current policies are making a real difference. This was 10 per cent more than last year.

The number of people saying the Council is doing a better job now than a year ago rose by nine per cent to nearly 50 per cent and those who were happy with the

quick response when asking for help rose seven per cent to 47 per cent.

The number of residents believing they get value for money was 13 per cent up on last year at 52 per cent.

"It is pleasing to see that the majority of residents are pleased



with services, but our annual survey is not designed just to give the Council a pat on the back.

"The results of the survey help us to plan for change and make improvements to meet the needs of the community," said Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of the Council.

STONEGROVE REGENERATION STEP NEARER

The regeneration of the 17-acre Stonegrove and Spur Road estate took a step nearer when your Council picked a three-strong shortlist of potential partners to work with on this major project.

The Council and residents' representatives had sat down together to pick the best of 50 developers who expressed an interest in becoming partners for the scheme.

Eventually, the Guinness Trust, Family Housing Association and Metropolitan Housing Trust were selected.

The three housing associations will now spend the summer working with estate residents.

They will tour the estate, take part in question and answer sessions and have meetings with

Residents have say on partners

Council staff to come up with ideas and solutions to meet the needs of residents.

By October the three associations will present their ideas and detailed plans and

costings so that residents and the Council can recommend one partner to take the scheme to fruition.

"The regeneration of this estate is a major priority for the Council and we are delighted to have three high quality partners to choose from," said Councillor Allan Turner, Cabinet Member for Housing and Social Services. A regeneration scheme is already underway in Grahame Park and the Council will be starting similar projects on other estates such as Dollis Valley and West Hendon in the future.

Clampdown on the Clampers

The Council is clamping down on private car-clamping companies to stop them taking unsuspecting motorists for a ride.

Residents have been producing an information leaflet to warn unsuspecting drivers to watch out when they are parking on private land and beware of car clampers.

They have told of returning to their cars to discover they have been clamped - but offering to pay the £65 fine on the notice does not lead to the return of the vehicle.

Instead, the clampers tow the car away and demand further heavy recovery charges up to £400.

Residents in the privately-owned Accommodation Road have been particularly hard hit.

Although the Council has no direct authority to intervene on private roads, it is exploring ways of cracking down on the clampers.

The Council's Trading Standards team is writing to one company to warn it about its unacceptable way of doing business. The Council is also

Leaflet warns of dangers

producing an information leaflet to warn unsuspecting drivers to watch out when they are parking on private land and beware of car clampers.

"We know of people who have parked their cars and then found themselves the victims of an outrageous scam. They end up being forced to pay large fines and towing charges far higher than those on any signs," said Councillor Geof Cooke, Cabinet Member for Environment.

The Council is determined to see that warning signs are properly displayed where they will be noticed and state accurately the full fines and any extra charges that drivers risk facing.

The Council is checking the legal situation to see if it can pioneer new ways of using the law against bad operators.

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TOURISM - READY FOR TAKEOFF

The Council's strategy for revitalising the borough took a major step forward this month with Barnet's first conference designed to boost tourism.

Held jointly with the London Tourist Board, the conference at Hendon's Royal Air Force museum was attended by nearly 70 delegates from the hotel, restaurant and catering and attraction providers industry and other local businesses with an interest in stimulating tourism and visitors to the Borough.

The conference and associated workshops created a wealth of ideas to stimulate tourism in the Borough and the Council will be working with the London Tourist Board to take these embryonic ideas to the next stage.

In line with its revitalisation and regeneration policies, the Council will be publishing the ideas from the conference and will spell out how it plans to make a positive

Soaring interest in hotel sites

response to its findings.

"Plans currently being finalised include the creation of a local tourism association, developing still further the Borough's tourism strategy, providing promotional material for use in local hotels and introducing a web page and accommodation database for Barnet," said Councillor Monroe Palmer, Lead Member for



Pictured (left to right): David Stanford (director, Lester Hotels), Simon Greenish (RAF Museum), Helen Evans (London Borough of Hounslow), Wendy Neville (London Tourist Board), Councillor Monroe Palmer, Paul Hopper (managing director London Tourist Board).

Development and Regeneration who chaired the conference.

Those attending the conference welcomed the work being done by Barnet in creating the Tally Ho Arts Centre in North Finchley which was seen as a flagship attraction for the borough.

Delegates saw this ambitious

project as yet another example of the regeneration work being carried out in the Borough.

There was major interest in new hotel development in Barnet as a result of scarce space in London - with emphasis on the Borough's close proximity to the Capital.

"This conference has set out a framework where the Council can work together with all sectors of the recreation, leisure, tourist and business community to put Barnet on the map as a tourist attraction - and then keep it there," said Councillor Palmer.

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Alan Williams
Leader's view



For every action there is a reaction. And nowhere is this truer than in local government.

Taking decisions in isolation just does not work - and is dangerous. It can lead to sectors of the community being excluded.

And that is why we have introduced our new co-ordinated approach to decision-making. A 'fair deal' which is designed to ensure social inclusion for all - and that no sector of the community is excluded from the benefits a thriving, vibrant borough can and should provide.

As you read Barnet Life you will see this theme echoed time and time again - from education and lifelong learning to social services and housing, from protecting and enhancing our natural and built environment to the drive for regeneration to create more local jobs.

In all these areas the emphasis in decision-making will be creating opportunity for all - and doing all we can as your Council to ensure no individual or group of individuals slips through the 'social inclusion' net.

In future, your Councillors will need to be convinced their decisions promote equality, challenge discrimination of all kinds and develop still further social inclusion.

You will also see in this issue of Barnet Life the results of our most recent satisfaction survey among residents.

These survey results are also a valuable tool in informing Councillors as they tackle the issues of concern to the people they and this Council are here to serve.

In the drive for an even better Barnet, your Council must and will continue to listen and learn - and the satisfaction survey helps us to do that.

TAKING KNOWLEDGE TO THE STREETS



Your Council is taking fingertip information to the streets in a ground-breaking deal with one of the world's leading street furniture designers and suppliers.

Within months, a new generation of street kiosks will hit the streets of Barnet - and open up on the spot information on every aspect of the Council's work at the touch of a button.

The kiosks, designed and developed by J.C. Decaux, will be provided and maintained at no

cost to the Council.

People will now benefit from 24-hour access to local news and events, free e-mail, local services and transport information.

Many of the kiosks, custom-built for Barnet, will be incorporated into street furniture like bus shelters to minimise street clutter.

The user-friendly kiosks combine touch-screen technology with a tracker ball so residents can search for more detailed web-site information.

The kiosks have been specially

designed to cater for people with disabilities with easy wheelchair access to the large screen.

Texts can be enlarged for the partially sighted and other features include geographical reference map and links to over 500 web sites.

Other features include vandal-proof double-glass touch screen, and free e-mail. Credit card and smart card facilities enabling payments for Council services will be added as the council continues to modernise.

PROBLEM? - WE HAVE THE SOLUTION



As part of the Council's determination to improve and streamline the way services are available and to make them even more accessible to all sectors of the community, it has introduced a new fast reaction task force to deal with enquiries and complaints.

A new 'Barnet Solutions' team will tackle complaints on the first point of contact. They will continue to develop the Council's approach of valuing complaints from residents and learning from them.

The Council has brought in new state of the art technology to back up the fast reaction team and is providing additional staff to improve the complaints and information service.

The 'Barnet Solutions' programme has also seen a strengthening of the team dealing with higher level and more specialist complaints and a major boost for the Council's seven Customer Liaison Officers who now have increased authority to deal with senior staff in service areas.

'Barnet Solutions' will provide a fast and efficient way of dealing with complaints and enquiries. The new services ensures they will be dealt with by Council staff who can make immediate decisions.

Residents who are unhappy with the service they have received should first contact the person or service they have been dealing with.

Residents lodging a complaint can call the Council switchboard on 020 8359 2000 to be put in touch with the relevant person or department.

Residents unsure of who to contact can call the Action Point team on 020 8359 4000.

The Customer Liaison Officer will help any resident contact the service area and tell them who to address any complaint to.

Anyone unhappy with the response they receive from their initial complaint can ask the Customer Liaison Officer to pursue the complaint and follow it through to its conclusion.

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care, support for children with special needs and housing for vulnerable people.

The new programme of change pledges to make sure that everything the Council does promotes equality, challenges discrimination and develops social inclusion.

In the drive to ensure all sectors of the community are involved in the life of the Borough, the Council is creating a new community plan for next year.

It is also developing ideas to

combat crime and disorder in underprivileged areas, work even closer with the voluntary sector and build on the Youth Charter and Youth Forum.

The new plan sets out the Council's continuing commitment to ensuring Barnet remains an attractive Borough in which to live and work by tackling waste reduction, recycling, the fear of crime and protecting and enhancing recreational open spaces.

Major priorities in revitalising the Borough will be the

drive to promote tourism and cultural activities, stimulate inward investment and continue town centre regeneration.

Education continues a major priority for the Council. Plans include more educational support to tackle underachievement, expansion of breakfast clubs, holiday programmes, homework help, summer schools and pre-exam support.

For younger children the Council is planning to further expand nursery places for three year olds.

Freedom Travel

Children of fare paying age who have a disability and live permanently in the London Borough of Barnet may now be eligible to receive a Freedom Pass which gives free travel on buses, trains, trams and the underground in London. For application criteria and more information call 020 8359 4131.

THREE LITTLE PIGS - NOT FOR MARKET



A family of three pot-bellied pigs whose owners were evicted from Council land illegally occupied by travellers had their bacon saved by the Council.

The pets were unable to leave the site with their owner - a traveller - because he failed to get an animal movement order under foot and mouth controls.

It meant two-year-old triplets Nick, Fanny and Anna faced being slaughtered when the bailiffs moved onto the former Woodfields plant nursery in Oak Lane, West

Hendon.

But as a result of a deal organised by the Council with the land's prospective buyer and the RSPCA, the three pigs, each weighing around 50 kg, were allowed to stay until a special movement licence could be issued by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The pigs have now been moved to a new home at Heathrow quarantine centre where they will stay until their owners pick them.

Up to 80 travellers and dozens

of cars, vans and trailers had occupied the land since last summer despite the continuing efforts of the Council.

"We have worked long and hard to evict the travellers from this site and are pleased to have been able to resolve the problem so the pigs find a new home," said Councillor Monroe Palmer, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration.

The site, owned by the Council, is being sold for continued use as a plant nursery.

Driving dumpers off the roads

A free collection service for residents who want to get rid of their old cars is the latest initiative from the Council in its fight against the blight of abandoned vehicles.

Building on the success of the £2m clean-up campaign which has already resulted in over 3200 dumped cars being crushed in recent months, the Council is introducing the new pilot scheme for residents who want to speed up the removal of abandoned vehicles.

But the Council is also taking a tougher line on irresponsible people who just abandon their cars.

The Council has been worried that the current weeks of checks which have to be made before a reported abandoned vehicle can be shifted means it could be vandalised and pose an increased risk to local residents.

Now the Council has decided any vehicle, which is dangerous

Building on £2m success

and untaxed, will now be removed and destroyed after a seven-day notice has expired.

The free collection service pilot scheme, being introduced in three areas to encourage more people to use the Council's collection and crushing service rather than leave old unroadworthy vehicles in the street, could go Borough-wide if it cuts down on the number of abandoned vehicles.

WAR ON WASTE

Your Council is declaring war on waste with a borough-wide campaign to boost recycling.

The Council is already geared up to launch a new weekly doorstep recycling service and has invested heavily in improving civic amenity sites.

Now it is looking for ways of improving recycling still further and calling on all local residents and businesses to get involved in the 'save it' campaign by having their say.

The Council wants to hear from people at the front line of waste management - families and businesses.

Your Council, along with all local authorities, has been set a

target of cutting the amount of household waste going to landfill sites by 18 per cent in the next three years and a further nine per cent by 2006.

This can only be achieved by encouraging recycling and composting.

The Council is now preparing its own ideas and, after talking to residents and businesses, a totally new approach to recycling could be in operation by next year.

The Council needs the support of the community to recycle up to four times the current amount of waste produced by the Borough within the next five years.

Baby Katie is a first

Baby Katie Bub has become the first child to take part in a naming ceremony at Barnet Register Office.

Barnet is one of eleven local authorities taking part in a national pilot of naming ceremonies designed for parents who want to commemorate the child's arrival in the world with a

non religious event.

The half-hour ceremony, which has no legal standing, costs £150 and is tailored to create a unique, personalised occasion.

To find out more about Naming Ceremonies, contact Barnet Register Office on 020 8731 1100.

HANDS UP FOR HYGIENE



Keep it clean - and keep it safe. This was the message to hundreds of children from ten primary schools that took part in National Food Safety Week.

The Council's Environmental Health Team took the message into the schools with fun and learning food quizzes, classroom discussions and group activities during the campaign to encourage better hygiene.

The key theme of the week was the importance of clean hands but the Council's safety experts also demonstrated the need to keep food at correct temperatures and avoiding cross contamination.



Top ten tips for food hygiene included:

- Always wash hands before handling food and between handling raw meat and other foods.
- Put raw meat, poultry and fish at the bottom of the fridge so it cannot drip onto other food
- Cover dishes and other open containers with foil or film
- Check the temperature of fridges and freezers
- Do not store food in the freezer for too long
- Never re-freeze food once it has thawed
- Never eat food from rusty cans or leaking cartons

CRACKDOWN ON LITTER LOUTS

Barnet leads battle to clean up our streets

Crackdown on the litter louts, vandals and graffiti artists. This is the message from Barnet Council as it calls on the Government to put new teeth in the next London Local Authorities Bill.

After listening to the concerns of residents in a borough-wide performance survey and to help deliver its promise to create an attractive environment for everyone, Barnet is calling for hard-hitting measures to combat neighbourhood nuisance including graffiti and abandoned vehicles.

The Council is also backing other local authorities in calling for a tough approach to control travellers and the problems caused by repairs carried out by

CALL FOR NEW POWERS

utility companies such as gas and electricity companies.

The Council is also backing the Association of Local Government in its call for new legislation

to include a ban on the sale of spray paints and certain marker pens to young people and a demand for retailers to keep these products behind the counter to cut down on theft.

Other measures getting the 'environmental' thumbs-up from the Council include new powers to remove graffiti from buildings and plant owned by utility companies and charge for the clean-up and giving immediate access to vehicle ownership

details (see page 5).

The Council also seeks new powers to seize travellers vehicles on occupied land and recover the costs of clean-up operations after they have left.

"We are committed to providing a clean and attractive place to live and work. These new powers would be an important boost in our fight to clean up the Borough's streets," said Councillor Geoff Cooke, Cabinet Member for Environment.

Meanwhile, Barnet Councillor Sean Hooker took advantage of the new Private Members Bill process to call for local reforms.

His Bill seeks to set up a voluntary code among local retailers to curb the sale and display of paint spray cans and some marker pens.

The Council unanimously passed the Bill, which now goes to Cabinet for discussion. This is the first Bill passed in Britain to seek such controls.



Awards for Top Cleaners

The Council is stepping up still further its efforts to put sparkle into Barnet by introducing a monthly award for the best street cleaner.

The first award was presented to Mavambu Ntiesoki, one of our town centre sweepers working in East Finchley. Local residents nominated Mavambu for his hard work in keeping the area clean.

The award recognises staff who have been identified by residents and their colleagues as achieving high levels of service.

The scheme is expected to promote friendly rivalry - and as a result continue to improve services.

Nominations for the award are received from residents, Councillors and their colleagues.

To nominate your street cleaner, call 020 8359 5137 or write to Steve Presland, Head of Environmental Services, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0EJ.

Edgware's Broadfields Day Centre is to undergo major rebuilding and refurbishment to meet the needs of users and their families as part of the Council's drive to provide the highest quality services to people who need them the most.

Councillors have given the go-ahead for the popular adult day centre for people with learning disabilities to be brought up to modern standards.

The decision, in line with the Council's commitment to raising standards of care for those with learning disabilities, will lead to detailed consultation with those using the

New-look centre will meet real needs

services at Broadfields, their carers, staff and trade unions.

The existing day and residential services are being looked at again and the options for either rebuilding them on site or replacing them with facilities nearby explored.

A new 'partnership

board' involved in providing services for those with learning disabilities will be set up.

The Council is now poised to make an early bid for Government support to help finance more improvements and is consulting clients about the best way of doing it.

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- 14.15 Fairly Famous Family**
- 14.45 Mugenkyo**
- 15.15 Finchley Youth Theatre**
- 16.00 Swervy World**

This year, Barnet Arts Week hits the streets for a festival of colour, energy and diversity right across the borough.

The main thrust of the festival is a Street Theatre tour when some of the world's leading street entertainers will descend on the many town centres in Barnet - expect to be dazzled by a host of spectacular performances.

For the first time, a fringe programme will take place in pubs and venues across the borough incorporating comedy, rock, garage, Irish, hip-hop, retro, jazz and cabaret events.

An array of community projects will also project the theme of neighbourhood streets, which bind people together.

Read on and check out the multitude of amazing events on offer.

STREETS AHEAD TOUR

Sat Jul 7	Chipping Barnet	Spires Shopping Centre & Town Centre	12.00-17.00
Sat Jul 7	North Finchley	Around Sainsburys & High Road	12.30-14.00
Sat Jul 7	East Finchley	Ballards Lane	14.30-16.00
Sun Jul 8	Golders Green	Town Centre	14.00-17.00
Sat Jul 14	Edgware	Broadwalk Shopping Centre	12.00-17.00
Sat Jul 14	Burnt Oak	Market Place	13.45-15.45
Sat Jul 14	Cricklewood	The Broadway	13.45-15.45
Sun Jul 15	Cricklewood Festival	Clitterhouse Playing Fields, NW2	13.00-18.00



The Regeneration of

Cricklewood and West Hendon



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A Comprehensive Approach to Planning

The site

The Cricklewood Development Area is located to the south of the North Circular Road immediately opposite the M1 junction and Brent Cross shopping centre. The development covers an area of some 54 hectares and falls within the Cricklewood and West Hendon Regeneration Area.

The underlying themes of this development are:

- a major improvement in public transport, including a new railway station, a rapid transport system and improvements to buses.

- the establishment of a Regeneration Trust to help rejuvenate local town centres and provide for the upkeep of facilities.
- a massive improvement in job opportunities for the area, including skills training for local people.
- the creation of a commercial and community heart for this part of London.
- a green network of cycle-ways, footpaths and open spaces together with a tangible improvement in the environment and urban landscape.

- social measures, including hundreds of affordable homes, new leisure facilities and investment in schools and healthcare.
- a real commitment to involve the local community, not only in helping to finalise the plan but crucially playing a long term role in the management and vitality of the area.

We envisage a large flourishing urban quarter, which will be safe, attractive and accessible. The urban quarter will comprise about 750,000 square metres of new houses, offices, shops, hotels and leisure facilities.

The plans include a 20 storey hotel replacing the existing Holiday Inn hotel and a 40 storey landmark building at the end of the M1, signalling the entrance to London.

The development will be built in phases and is expected to take about ten years, with the phasing expertly planned to minimise noise, dust and inconvenience to occupiers and neighbouring residents.

Cricklewood Redevelopment Ltd has submitted a planning application that is expected to evolve over the next few months as a result of consultation. The Company is a joint venture between Railtrack Property and Pillar Property plc



A summary of the planning application is available at public libraries and the public exhibition.



The Cricklewood Regeneration Trust

The aim of the Cricklewood Regeneration Trust is to harness the benefits of this development for the wider area.

The Trust will be funded on a long term basis from the Cricklewood development and will work with local Councils and local people. The Trust will primarily aim to provide funding for four types of project – supporting the development of local partnerships, managing and improving town centres, small scale capital projects and training

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Cricklewood Redevelopment Limited invite you to join them at an exhibition outlining plans for the future of the area

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Economic Regeneration



The regeneration of Cricklewood and West Hendon will not only help maintain London's position in an increasingly international and mobile market, it will also boost the economy of the local area.

Job opportunities and skills training

Cricklewood will require people with a variety of skills (in many areas, including finance, media, IT and construction) all of which will make a major contribution to local economic and social regeneration.

Once fully built and occupied, it will generate over 18,000 jobs – in offices, in the retail and leisure sectors, in hotels and other facilities. Estimates suggest that nearly 44% of the jobs (over 8,000) will be filled by residents of Barnet, Brent and Camden.

At peak construction times around 3,400 jobs will be created on site.

Support for local training and recruitment will be through the new Cricklewood Regeneration Trust, working in partnership with the Employment Service and training providers.



Shopping and leisure

The retail and leisure element of the town centre, linked to Brent Cross by pedestrian walkways and effective public transport, will provide new shops and leisure facilities in a high-street atmosphere.

The leisure facilities include cinemas, a bowling complex and family centres. The new combined shopping area will help to limit the number of people travelling great distances by car to centres such as Watford, Lakeside and Bluewater.

There will also be new convenience shopping for local residents.

Creating attractive and vibrant town centres nearby

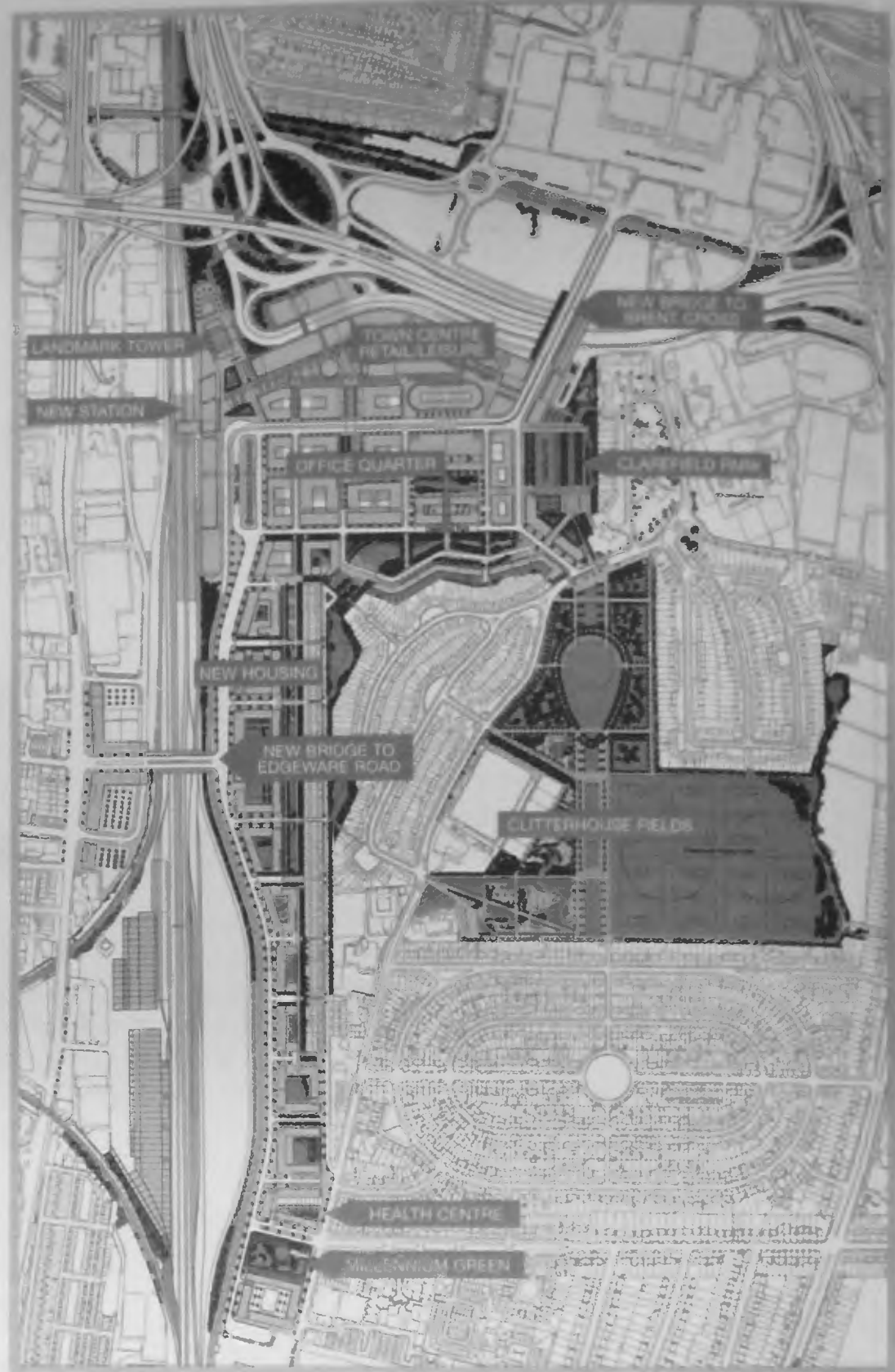
The Cricklewood Regeneration Trust will help bring early improvements to the adjoining town centres.

There are always ideas for improving town centres, but positive action remains difficult without funds and leadership. The Trust, which will have proper local consultation and a local structure of management, will have funds at its disposal to invest in local projects. These could include new town centre managers, help for maintenance, marketing and community safety projects, and community resources that help to regenerate these areas.

We have retained consultants, who have previously worked with Barnet Council, to look at how to regenerate and create attractive and vibrant centres in areas from Kilburn to North Finchley. The ideas provide a starting point for people to discuss.

Existing industrial units on site

Some industrial businesses on the site will unfortunately have to move. We will endeavour to relocate these businesses and a dedicated team of specialists is being made available to help search for new premises.



Quality of Life and Social Inclusion

This will be a high-quality development creating environmental, economic and social improvements on a significant scale. We will be sensitive to local issues and ensure that the development is integrated into the surrounding environment.

Better facilities for all

The development will generate the need for additional school, health and recreation facilities. In education, we will be providing money for new school places and for local schools.

At Whitefield School, the sports and leisure improvements will include a new swimming pool, available to the public outside of school hours and integrated with the neighbouring community sports facilities.

After discussions with Barnet and the local NHS Trust, we will help to provide a new one-stop medical and dental centre, to include consulting rooms, day care surgery facilities, alternative medicine facilities and special provisions for the elderly.

A green network

The proposals make substantial provision for a number of key pedestrian and cycleway links between the new development and surrounding areas.

- A "living bridge" over the North Circular replacing the existing Tempelhof bridge, will be for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport only. Small shops, cafes or community facilities may be placed on the bridge.



Transport

Achieving better and more reliable ways of travelling for local people is key to this regeneration initiative.

New railway station

The core public transport hub will be a new station, located half-way between the existing Hendon and Cricklewood stations. The station will accommodate longer trains and it is likely that there will be a peak period interval of about six minutes between trains.

Existing Cricklewood and Hendon stations

Both Cricklewood and Hendon mainline stations will be upgraded to a modern standard including disabled access to the platforms. At Cricklewood, a new entrance will be provided linking into Cricklewood Broadway, as well as set-down areas for cars.

Rapid Transport System

A reliable, frequent and high quality rapid transport system (RTS) will travel through the development linking Cricklewood station in the south to Hendon Central tube station in the north. The RTS, an environmentally friendly "super-bus", will provide an efficient and reliable service at frequent intervals during peak times.

Bus services

Existing bus services will be enhanced by the provision of new services to the Colindale, Dollis Hill and Wembley areas.

Bus services will be made more reliable by:

- A new road bridge over the railway line from Edgware Road, linking into a new traffic signal-controlled junction opposite Oxgate Gardens, will allow buses to avoid the congested Staples Corner junction.
- A new bridge over the North Circular Road will provide easy access for buses between the development and Brent Cross.
- Segregated bus lanes and bus priority will be provided to help speed up bus journey times.

Traffic and highways

Access to the car parking areas for the offices and shops will only be from the M1/North Circular junction. We are providing a modest level of parking provision directly beneath the core development area.

A parking management system will be implemented to protect local residents. The car parks will not be linked into the local road network within Cricklewood.

Road links to Claremont Avenue in both the

north and south of the site will integrate the development into the adjacent residential areas, but the layout will be designed to deter traffic passing through these areas ie. rat-running.

We will make a major investment to improve traffic flows at the M1 junction and the Edgware Road / North Circular junction. There will be high level slip roads from the end of the M1 to the North Circular flyover in both directions, a widening of the road between the two junctions, and better traffic signal control. This M1 junction will become the main entrance for cars to the Brent Cross shopping centre

Housing

New homes are an essential element of the proposals. A few of these will be houses (for instance to the rear of Clitterhouse Crescent) but most will be apartments or flats to meet a wide range of housing needs, including some live/work units.

About 2600 new homes will be built and about one third of the new homes will be "affordable" or social housing. The range will include social rented, shared ownership, low cost home ownership and key worker housing.

Internal and external design of these homes will be of high quality. New buildings will also make provision for the mobility impaired, the elderly, and those with small children.

We will work with the Met Police and Barnet Council to achieve community safety in the design of the development and the surrounding area. As part of the philosophy, we believe in security by design, creating a light, bright and airy development.

An Active & Involved Community

The Cricklewood and West Hendon Regeneration Area has been designated as such for many years but nothing tangible has happened so far.

The planning application and the launch of the Regeneration Trust is the sign that we are now able to begin.

We had some good feedback from our early consultations and further extensive consultation is planned.

The intention of the consultation period is to obtain residents' detailed feedback on the proposed plans. Wherever possible, we will endeavour to reconcile and reflect their views the final plans, which will be prepared over the forthcoming months.

Our vision for the area involves much more than this single consultation. A framework will be established for a continued active involvement by the community in the whole of the Regeneration Area.

For this reason the Cricklewood Regeneration Trust has been conceived. It will foster local action to deal with local problems. Local residents will be able to participate in the future management of the environment, which will promote a sense of ownership and pride in the local area.

- A new bridge from the development onto Edgware Road.
- New pedestrian and cycle paths through Clitterhouse Fields.
- Safer footbridges over the Staples Corner junctions, with added lighting and CCTV.
- Connections to a comprehensive cycle and pedestrian network.

Parks and urban spaces

The plans include major parks and urban spaces, either newly provided or significantly upgraded. All are linked by pedestrian and cycle routes connecting communities and offering a wide variety of outdoor facilities. Indeed, Barnet council's vision is that open spaces should become the focal point for the development.

In both the development and the surroundings, we propose to manage the on-going maintenance, to ensure quality, amenity and security are preserved.

A living environment

Provision of public art will be based on ideas from the community and local schools.

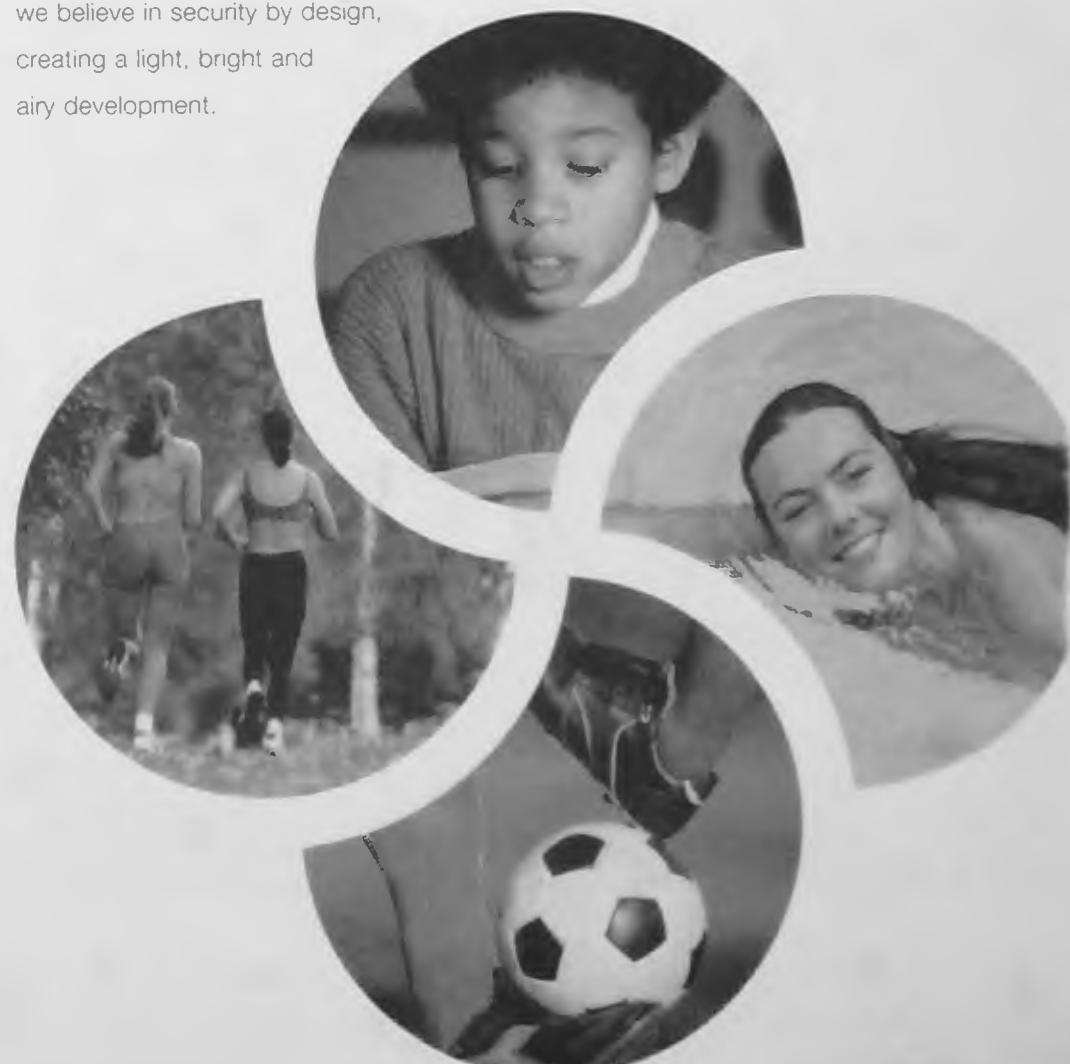
Design of the buildings will be of architectural merit and will live up to the aim of creating a major urban quarter of Greater London.

Recycling and anti-graffiti strategies will be put in place throughout the regeneration area to allow businesses and residents alike to help the environment.

We are keen to ensure local people are happy with the move of the waste transfer station to a new site off the Edgware Road. This state-of-the-art facility will be designed to prevent adverse impact on the surrounding environment.

Social Provision

The Cricklewood Regeneration Trust will promote social inclusion through local training and recruitment programmes, town centre improvement projects and other community initiatives. In addition, we will seek to promote access to job opportunities for local people.



The Regeneration of Cricklewood & West Hendon

keypoints



Economic Regeneration

- 18,000 new jobs.
- Local training and recruitment.
- A new retail, leisure and office "urban quarter".
- New money and life for local town centres with the Cricklewood Regeneration Trust.
- A massive boost to the local economy.



Quality of Life and Social Inclusion

- Money for local schools and healthcare.
- New swimming pool.
- Better and safer ways of travelling in the area for pedestrians and cyclists.
- New parks and public open spaces and big improvements to existing parks.
- Ongoing maintenance to ensure quality, amenity and security.
- Recycling and anti-graffiti strategies.
- Social inclusion and integration of the development into existing communities.



If you wish to become involved in the local consultation, there are a number of options.

- We would like to hear your views. Write your comments on the panel opposite or send a letter to our FREEPOST address. Our address is:
Cricklewood Redevelopment Ltd, c/o Indigo, 2nd Floor, Berkeley Square House, FREEPOST 34 LON20263, LONDON W1E 6AU.
- A website can be found at www.cricklewood.net, where you can comment online. Alternatively you can submit your queries by email to feedback@cricklewood.net.
- A major public exhibition is being held during July. Details are on the front page of this supplement. This will give individuals a chance to quiz our team directly.
- Community groups or individuals are invited to meet with us at any convenient time.
- You can call Richard Patient or Phil Briscoe on our hotline number, 0845 458 4511, which operates Monday to Friday during normal working hours, to discuss any aspect or ask questions.
- If you would like a summary translated into Chinese, Greek, Gujarati, Somali, Turkish or Urdu, please contact Richard Patient on 0845 458 4511.



Transport

- A new railway station for fast trains and improvements to existing Cricklewood and Hendon stations.
- A reliable rapid transport system linking key locations.
- Easier and faster journeys for people using buses.
- Proper management of traffic to minimise effects on local residents.



Housing

- New homes to meet a wide range of housing needs.
- About one third 'affordable housing'.
- High quality design.
- Community safety inbuilt with security by design.



An Active and Involved Community

- Extensive consultation planned.
- We will endeavour to reconcile and reflect these views in the final plans.
- Continued long-term involvement from the community to create a sense of ownership and pride.

Your Comments

Please add your comments or suggestions below.

Your name and contact details would be helpful to inform you about changes to the plans. Data will be held confidentially and will not be passed on to any third parties.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Please choose one of the following to tell us your general feeling about the proposals.

- I support the proposal
- I support the proposal but have some reservations
- I have no strong views
- I have concerns
- I oppose the proposal

Please choose one from each of the following to tell us where you live and work.

- 1) I live in Barnet Camden Brent Elsewhere
- 2) I work in Barnet Camden Brent Elsewhere

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environment week

Do you fancy getting 'green' and groovy at Barnet's Environment Week? It's all happening from 14 - 22 July so don't miss your chance to gain a better understanding of social and environmental issues in the borough. And you can take part too in our action packed line up of events.

You can launch into action at Barnet's Environment Fair at The Spires Shopping Centre, Stapylton Rd, High Barnet on Saturday 14 July. Come along and test your lungs in the noise booth, have your face painted or enjoy the vibrant sounds of African drumming.

Or why not bring your bike along for a free service by Dr Bike? Gather information from the various stalls and even win a delicious prize donated by Waitrose.

At the Cricklewood Community Festival on 15 July there is the chance to experience the world's first mobile solar powered cinema. Here you will see films and live animations all with an environmental flavour.

Children from throughout the borough will be involved in school activities like organising events to raise money for the Mayor's Charity - Leukaemia Research. The challenge is on as the school which raises the most money will win a funpacked visit to Clay Lane Environmental Education Centre.

Join the Asian Women's Association for an exciting day of activities on 20 July. The day will include a talk on health and environmental issues affecting women, a children's play, a Gharba (dance) and activities including cultural games, henna and face massage.

Those who want to get out and about can enjoy the summer sun by joining one of the many walks in the borough throughout the week.



Experience the Groovy Movie at the Cricklewood Community Festival

environment week

Saturday 14 July

Environment Fair
Venue: Stapylton Road, rear of The Spires Shopping Centre, High Barnet
Time: 9am - 4pm

'Bat Walk' - Friends of Brook Farm Open Space
Meet at: Brook Farm car park off High Road, Whetstone
Time: 9 - 10pm

Sunday 15 July

Cricklewood Community Festival
Venue: Clitterhouse Playing Fields, Claremont Road, NW2
Time: 1 - 10pm

That Old London Bike Festival

Venue: Little Wood Theatre, Hampstead Garden Suburb
Times: Bike Treasure Hunt 3.00pm
 Poetry in Motion 5.30pm
 Prize giving 6.00pm
 Picnic supper 6.30pm
 Outdoor Film Screening (subject to weather) 7.45pm
 Booking essential - 020 8455 7410

Green Birds and Brown Walks - Thursday Green Local Nature Reserve

Meet at: Gate to the reserve in Hendon Wood Lane
Time: 10am - 12pm

Monday 16 July

Woolley Wildlife Walk
Meet at: Oak Hill Park car park, off Parkside Gardens, East Barnet
Time: 7 - 8pm

Tuesday 17 July

Schools Environmental Action Day
Venue: Cherry Tree Woods, Summerlee Avenue, East Finchley
Time: 10am - 2.45pm

Cultural Field

Venue: Multicultural Day Centre, Algernon Road, Hendon
Time: 1 - 4pm

Thursday 18 July

Meet at: The ponds, Grahame Park Open Space, Lanacre Avenue
Time: 7 - 9pm

Wednesday 18 July

Nortel Networks, Oakleigh Road South, New Southgate Invitation only event
Venue: Nortel Networks, Oakleigh Road South, New Southgate
Time: Invitation only event

East Dulley Green Tennis

Meet at: Kingsley Way opposite to Lyttelton Playing Fields, Hampstead Garden Suburb
Time: 6pm - 8pm

Northwood Avenue IT Partnership Group

Venue: Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3
Time: 7 - 9pm

Thursday 18 July

Can You do it? Can't you? - Women's Breakfast
Venue: Pentland Group Plc, Pentland Centre, Lakeside, Squires Lane, Finchley
Time: 7.45 - 9.45am

Along with us is with them

Venue: Canteen, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone
Time: 6 - 8.30pm

Friday 20 July

Mid summer day activities
Venue: Trinity Church Hall, Nether Street, N12
Time: 10.30am - 4.30pm

Venue - Environment Training

Venue: Brent Cross Shopping Centre (Fenwicks car park)
Time: 10am - 2pm

Saturday 21 July

The Hooley Carnival
Venue: Victoria Park, Finchley
Time: 12 noon - 10pm

Good Terrors Motorcycle Club

Meet at: 50 Brent Terrace, Cricklewood
Time: 10am onwards

Sunday 22 July

Visit to the London Transport Museum
Meet at: Covent Garden Underground Station
Time: 11am
Booking essential - 020 8445 4227
Other Events

Environment Recycling Open Week Dates 16 - 20 July

Time: 10am - 3pm
Contact: (020) 8364 8466
Venue: Moxon Street Enterprises 52 Moxon Street, Barnet, Herts, EN5 5TS

Visit Moxon Street Enterprises, an organisation that provides training and work experience to people with mental health problems. Moxon Street has a recycling department that collects unwanted furniture, which is refurbished and recycled back into the community at affordable costs. If you have any unwanted furniture please contact us and play your part in the recycling process.

Child In-car Seat Safety Testing Dates 16 - 20 July

Time: 9am - 5pm
Contact: Janice Jones/ Mike Baker (020) 8906 8028
Venue: Accident Prevention Unit, Daws Lane, Mill Hill

Visit the Accident Prevention Unit for a free child in-car seat safety test. A vast range of road safety information, advice and equipment is also available including cycle helmets at a sale rate of £10.

Schools Fundraising Event

All schools throughout the borough have been invited to hold an event to raise money for the Mayor's Charity, Leukemia Research. Events can be anything from holding a mufti day (non uniform day), sale, music events or talent shows. The school that raises the most money will win a free trip to the Clay Lane Environmental Education Centre. Please support your local schools event where you can.

Liferevents



Jenny Eclair -Barnet Nights! Edinburgh Preview at The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet on 26-28 July

COMPETITIONS

Entry forms from Barnet Borough Arts Council, c/o All Saints Arts Centre, 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20 9EZ. For further details phone 020 8445 8388

Festival Photo Competition 2001

Use your camera at any Barnet Festival and snap up a prize in the Barnet Borough Arts Council's photographic competition. Fee £3 per photo (£1.50 for Barnet residents). Entry forms to be sent in by 16 October 2001

Poetry and Short Story Competition

Poems up to 35 lines by adults (general or on theme of Changing Places), on any subject by 7-11s, 12-16s. Short stories by over 16s. Entry fee £3/£2 (reductions for Barnet residents). Entry forms to be sent in by 20 September 2001.

FESTIVALS

6 - 8 July Grahame Park Festival.

A community festival for all the family. 6th, 2pm, Schools concert, 7th, 11.30am, Opening ceremony and festival stalls, 7.30pm-11pm, Club night with Teenage DJ competition, entrance £1.50, 8th, 6.30pm-10pm, Community BBQ with country and western music, Community Centre, The Concourse, Grahame Park, NW9. For further details phone 020 8205 9865

7 & 8 July, 12noon-7pm East Barnet Community Festival

'Out of this World' theme celebrates the links between earth and outer space through music, dance, theatre and fantasy cakes and handicrafts in the garden tent. Children should bring their favourite alien toys to the Aliens Picnic, Oakhill Park, Church Hill Road, East

Barnet. Entry free. For details phone the festival line on 07071 781 745

7 - 15 July Streets Ahead Festival

Barnet's borough-wide Arts Week celebrations. Look out for the Streets Ahead brochure for further details or call Barnet Arts Service on 020 8359 3152

7 July Starting at The Spires shopping centre in Chipping Barnet at midday. Highlights from launch include Taiko drumming group, Mugyenko, Bedlam Oz, 20ft mural from Hugh Jarf. Then street entertainment arrives at North and East Finchley.

8 July Golders Green, Theatre Tour 2-5pm, stiltwalkers and roving musicians.

14 July, 11am-4pm Phoenix Film Tent, Hale Lane (outside Edgware Library), Edgware 12noon-4pm more street festival antics, Burnt Oak Market Place, 1.45-

3.45pm street performers make another stop; Cricklewood 1.45-3.45pm a taster for the last stop.

15 July Grand Finale at Cricklewood Community Festival featuring spectacular aerial acrobatic shows, comedy routines and a host of mesmerising and innovative performances

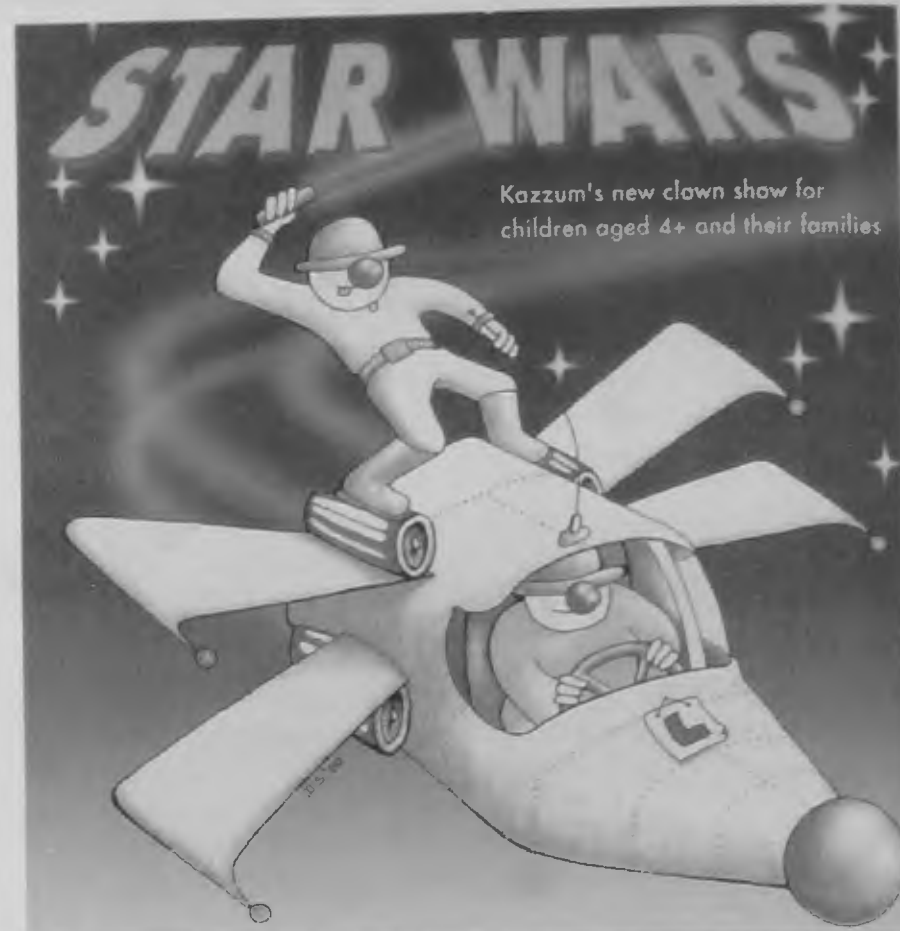
9 - 29 The culmination of a project produced by over 80 young people who have been working alongside Kazzum Arts. A vibrant and imaginative street-influenced installation exhibited throughout the main gallery and bar, reflecting a range of artistic mediums and materials. The Bull Gallery, 68 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5SJ.

Streets Ahead: Fringe 2001

A programme that links up events across the borough featuring local talent and established touring groups,

If you would like your event advertised in these pages, please contact Susan Segar on 020 8359 2165.

We reserve the right to edit entries and cannot be responsible for the information supplied for these pages.



Kazzum's new clown show for children aged 4+ and their families

The Flying Chestcoffs attempt Star Wars in Hendon Park, NW4 on 22 July

including comedy, rock, garage, Irish, hip-hop, retro cabaret, jazz sessions.

7 July

8.30pm doors. **The Film Band**, well known and funky film themes. The Torrington Arms, Finchley High Road, N12. £6

9pm doors. **Viagra Falls** Rock and roll classics. The Green Man, 143 High Street, Chipping Barnet. Free

9pm doors. **Broken Tears**, Irish County and MOR from this local duo. Prince of Wales, 218 Burnt Oak Bdw. Free

9pm doors. **Hamlet** Heavy rock. Sebright Arms, 9 Alston Road, Chipping Barnet. Free

9pm doors. **Irish Jam Session**. Welcome Inn, 26-28 Cricklewood Lane, NW2. Free

8.30pm doors. **Wild Wood** (rock classics) and **Crisis** (Celtic rock). The Claddagh Ring, 10 Church Road, Hendon, NW4. £3 (free before 9.30pm)

8 July

5pm doors. **Ben Martin and Friends** Jazz. Crown and Anchor, 47 High Street, Barnet. Free

8.30pm doors. Modern blues legend **John Amor** and his new band. The Torrington Arms, Finchley High Road, N12. £6

3pm doors. **Acker Bilk Band** Jazz classics. The Green Man, 143 High Street, Chipping Barnet. Free

6pm doors. **Puka** (traditional acoustic folk) and **Cover Story** (rock session). The Claddagh Ring, 10 Church Road, Hendon, NW4. Free

10 July, 8.30pm doors. Tongue-in-cheek cabaret as **Martin Phillips** transforms himself into a male Shirley Bassey. Crown and Anchor, 47 High Street, Barnet. Free

11 July

2.30pm doors. **Old Tyme Music Hall**. The Green Man, 143 High Street, Chipping Barnet. £5 (incl. cabaret and afternoon tea)

8.30pm doors. **Lightnin' Red** Blues outfit from Austin, Texas. The Torrington Arms, Finchley High Road, N12. £6

9pm doors. **Battle of the DJs** mixing skills. The Green Man, 143 High Street, Chipping Barnet. Free

9.30pm doors. **60s Request Night**. In-house band plays while you eat. The Clay Cafe, 8-10 Monkville Parade, Temple Fortune, NW11

9pm doors. **Midnight Blue** Jazz funk. Sebright Arms, 9 Alston Road, Chipping Barnet. Free

12 July 9pm doors. **Stand-up Comedy Night**. Crown and Anchor, 47 High Street, Barnet. Free

9pm doors. **DJ Kerfaw** for a night of House and Garage. The Orange Tree, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. Free

13 July 9pm doors. **R & B Club Night**. Felix and Firkin, High Street, Chipping Barnet. Free

8.30pm doors. **Liveworks**. New, young, up and coming local bands, artists and DJs in a relaxed setting. Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Chipping Barnet. £9/£6

9pm doors. **Garage Nation** UV light, the DJs gear up for sessions of essential garage cuts. The Green Man, 143 High Street, Chipping Barnet. Free

9pm doors. **Retrodisco**. The Black Horse, Wood Street, Chipping Barnet. Free

8.30pm doors. **Hard Lines**, down n dirty country music. The Claddagh Ring, 10 Church Road, Hendon, NW4. £2 (free before 9.30pm)

14 July

9pm doors. **Oasis Tribute Band**. Felix and Firkin, High Street, Chipping Barnet. £2

9.30pm doors. **Splitting Rocks/Red House**. Celtic rock fusion. The Claddagh Ring, 10 Church Road, Hendon, NW4. £3 (free before 9.30pm)

9pm doors. **Crafty** Power pop. The Green Man, 143 High Street, Chipping Barnet. Free

8pm doors. **Russel Brand and Simon Si** Hot new stand-up comedy. Edinburgh Preview. Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Chipping Barnet. £9/£7. Box Office 020 8449 0048

15 July

9.30pm doors. **Country and Western Night**. The Broadway, 200 Burnt Oak Broadway. Free

8.30pm doors. **Bad Influence**. Val Cowell. The Torrington Arms, Finchley High Road, N12. £6

8pm doors. **Bill (Belinda) Jones**, multi-instrumentalist and singer, awarded Best Newcomer award at the BBC Folk Awards. Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Chipping

Barnet. £8/£6. Box Office 020 8449 0048
9.30pm doors. **Riskin Paddy** (traditional set of Irish standards) and **The DNA Band** (modern Irish rock). The Claddagh Ring, 10 Church Road, Hendon, NW4. Free

8 - 10 July, 1.30-3.30pm
Springwood Day Centre Summer Tea Dance and Bazaar. Featuring live vocalist Jane Dunton. Stalls include plants and flowers, white elephant, tombola, refreshments and homemade cakes and bakes, nearly new clothes etc. Free entry. For more details phone 020 8958 8123. Springwood Day Centre, Springwood Crescent, Edgware.

14 July, 10.30am-4pm.
Age Concern Barnet West's Summer Fair. Fun and games, lots of opportunities to win prizes, sale of new and secondhand books, cakes, bric a brac, clothes. Entertainment and food available throughout the day. Free entry. For further information phone 020 8203 2270. The Meritage, Church End, Hendon (next to St Mary's Church).

15 July, 12noon-10pm
Cricklewood Community Festival supported by Barnet Arts Service. Entertainment, live music, an arthouse movie tent Groovie Movie, stalls and finishes off with a firework display. The festival is the location for the grande finale of the Streets Ahead tour and there will be aerial acrobatics, bizarre stage shows and colourful characters. Clitterhouse Playing Fields, Claremont Road, NW2. Free entry.

18 - 21 July
Finchley Carnival with musical entertainment, stalls, arena events, baby show, dog show, a carnival procession and family fun fair. Victoria Park, Ballards Lane, Finchley, N3. Entrance free.

18 August 12noon-10pm & 19 August 12noon-6pm
Friary Park Summer Show. Festivities include a youth band and majorettes, Buffalo Billy, a falcon display, a dog show and family fun fair finishing with a BBQ, fireworks and live music. Entrance fee.

14 - 22 July
Environment Week. Full programme available from your local library or phone 020 8359 4662. Highlights include: 14 July, 9am-4pm
Environment Fair. A fun-filled day of activities, entertainment and information displays. Activities include face-painting, bike checks and shouting as loud as you can into a noise booth. 15 July, 1-10pm
Groovie Movie Picture House. The world's first mobile solar-powered cinema. Enjoy a selection of independent films, take a look at alternative cultures throughout the world and witness live animation. Cricklewood Community Festival, Clitterhouse Playing Fields, Claremont Road, NW2.

30 August, 2 - 7pm
Notting Hill Housing Trust Jobfair. A variety of local employers and training providers offering job and training opportunities. For details phone 020 8357 4669. Community Centre, 22 -23 Kidlington Way, Adastral Village, NW9

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

22 July, 3pm
Barnet Arts Service present **'The Flying Chestycocks attempt Star Wars'** Kazzum's new clown show for children aged 4+ and their families. These infamous red-nosed clowns set their sights on distant galaxies and welcome the new Millennium with their very own space odyssey. Will Luke Chestywalker overcome Darth Chesty? A uniquely comic version of the movie. Hendon Park, NW4.

Chicken Shed Theatre Children's Festival 10 - 14 July, 7.30pm (matinee 14 July, 2.30pm) **'Anansi'**. Join in a multi-coloured, multi-dimensional legend least containing 150 children, 100 stories, the best musical score ever coupled with a lot of energy. £9.50/£7, £7/£5.50.

17 - 21 July, **'Animal Farm'** Musical adaptation based on the 1945 fable by George Orwell. £9.50/£7, £7/£5.50, family ticket £25.
24 - 27 July 9.30am & 11.30am each day & 27 July 7.30pm. (Signed performance 26 July 11.30am) **'The Dragon'** £5/£3, family ticket £15. Chicken Shed Theatre, Chase Side, Southgate, N14. Box office 020 8292 9222.

23 July - 17 August
Mondays to Fridays 9.30am-3.30pm.
Jigsaw Arts & Drama Activity Weeks. Activities designed to be enjoyable and stimulating for children during the school holidays. All Saints Arts Centre and School, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone, N20 and Bell Lane School, Bell Lane, Hendon, NW4. £16/day £69/week. For details and booking form contact Jigsaw Arts 020 8361 7274.

29 July, 3pm
Barnet Arts Service presents **'The Strawberry Clown Show'** starring Fraser Hooper. A show for everyone, full of laughter, mayhem and gentle audience participation. Lasts 55 mins. Log Cabin, Grahame Park, Colindale, NW9.

30 July - 1 August 10am-4pm daily
Youth Music Centre - Summer Musical Workshop. For wind and string players aged 8-13, this creative workshop will culminate in a performance for friends and family. Includes improvisation, singing, percussion and a lot of fun! Finchley Youth Theatre, 142 East Finchley High Road, N2. Fee £45 (some assisted places available). For application form phone 020 8343 1940.

Royal Air Force Museum
1 - 5 August
Dress up in RAF uniform and flying clothing
6 - 12 August
Learn about stars and planets in a giant astrodome.
13 - 19 August
Make your own rocket and launch it on the helipad.
20 - 24 August
English School of Falconry. Meet the birds of prey.
25 - 27 August
RAF Family Weekend. RAF Falcons, display vehicles, helicopter and more.
Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, NW9 5LL. Phone 020 8205 2266

14 - 24 August, 11am-5.30pm
The Bull's Summer School for young people aged 11 - 29. Young actors work towards a full-scale production in the main theatre to an invited audience. Acting, physical theatre, movement, dance, music and much more! The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5SJ. Cost £80.

20 - 24 August, 10am-4pm daily
Summer Holiday Arts Workshop. Imaginative visual arts and crafts workshop for 7-11s. Church Farm Youth Centre, Church Hill Road, East Barnet. Cost £45/week or £12/day. Booking essential. For booking details phone the Festival line 07071 781 745.

Children's events in all Barnet's libraries
The **Reading Carnival** for 4-11s is based around a carnival theme. Children are invited to collect a series of attractive postcards that fit into a colourful concertina collector pack. A chance to win Reading Carnival prizes.
Challenge Plus is a new reading challenge for older children and teenagers who are invited to collect special scratch cards containing a message from a top celebrity and a fun fact or quiz question.

Children's Summer Holiday playschemes
From football to tennis, music to dance, there is plenty to keep children busy in Barnet this summer. A wide range of activities and courses will be available in sports and leisure centres across the borough. For further information please call into your local sports centre or library to pick up a leaflet

EXHIBITIONS

Until 2 September
'Ethnic and Masquerade Masks'. Open Monday to Thursday 10am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-5pm; Friday closed; Saturday 10am-1pm & 2pm-5.30pm; Sunday 2pm - 5.30pm. Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW4. Free admission. For more information phone 020 8203 0130.

Until 15 July, 8am-8pm
Barnet Borough Arts Council Art and Information Exhibition
Paintings by local artists and information stand on the 80

member societies. Broadwalk Shopping Centre, Station Road, Edgware.

10 - 21 July, 10am-7pm (except Sundays)
Barnet Guild of Artists 53rd Annual Exhibition. A wide variety of painting in different mediums and a display of sculpture and ceramics. Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. Entry free

Barnet Museum
31 Wood Street, Barnet
'Holiday Exhibition'. Open 2.30-4.30pm. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays 10am-12noon. For information phone 020 8440 8066.

The Jewish Museum
'Some of my best jokes are Jewish'. An exhibition of Jewish cartoonists. 80 East End Road, N3. For details phone 020 8349 1143

MUSIC

6 July, 8.30pm
Bringing Folk Music into the 21st Century. Barnet Folk Club creates a relaxed atmosphere for local musicians to play their own brand of unplugged music, traditional or contemporary. Players and audience welcome. The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5SJ. Please contact JJ Dunne on 020 8441 3620

7 July, 7.30pm
London Ripieno Society. An English Garland, music by Purcell, Elgar, Britten. £8/£6, £1 children under 16. All Saints Church, Durham Road, N2.

7 July, 8pm
The Tudor Symphony Orchestra presents a **Summer Concert** including Haydn, Weber and Beethoven. Trinity Church Centre, 15 Nether Street, North Finchley, N12. £6/5, children free. Box office 020 8954 7302.

9 July, 7.30pm
Akwaaba African Music Project. An opportunity to hear the rhythms and sounds of Africa. In collaboration with the Africa Centre some of the world's top African musicians have been working with two Barnet schools to develop new work using traditional African instruments. Alongside the musicians students will be premiering these pieces, inspired by the indigenous music of Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Morocco. The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5SJ. Phone 020 8449 0048.

9 July, 7.30pm
Barnet Youth Orchestra Trinity Church, Nether Street, Finchley. Phone the Music Office 020 8359 3111 for details

14 July, 7.45pm
Joint Finchley Chamber Choir and Chamber Orchestra concert Pieces by Elgar and Bruckner. Trinity Church, Nether Street, North Finchley, N12. £7.50/£5.50. Box office 020 8449 2604. Venue has wheelchair access.

14 July (morning)
Music Centre Concerts Venue: Upper School, Westbrook Crescent, East Barnet, Moss Hall School, Nether Street, Finchley, St Mary's Secondary School, Sunningfields Road, Hendon. Phone the Music Office 020 8359 3111 for details

15 July, 8pm
Barnet Schools Wind Orchestra - Open Air Concert with fireworks! Moss Hall Junior School, Nether Street, Finchley. Phone Music Office 020 8359 3111 for details.

26 July, 8pm
K-Groove Jazz Ensemble. Listening to jazz in a walled garden. The Bothy, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. £7/£5. Box office 020 8455 4640

4 August, 1pm-3pm
The Memory Lane Singing Club. For amateur singers of all abilities, this event will include a singing workshop plus a performance session. St. Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley Central, N3 1TS. £8/£6. Box office 020 8449 0011. Booking essential. Venue has wheelchair access.

5 August
Barnet Brass Band. Friary Park, Friern Barnet, N11. Free entrance.

THEATRE

6 - 7 & 11-14 July, 7.30pm; also 7 & 14 July, 3pm
Garden Suburb Theatre presents **'As You Like It'**. Little Oak Wood, off Addison Way, NW11. Box office 020 7723 6609. Tickets £5 (£3.50 conc.)

7 & 8 July
Full Circle Theatre Co. presents Full Circle Starters and Seniors in **'That's Entertainment'** a new show for all the family. Packed full of songs, dance numbers and comedy (Grease, Les Miserables, Annie are just some of the shows featured) - and a few surprises too. Call 079 5711 4889 for further information. The Bull Theatre, 68 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5SJ. £5, £4 children/concs. Box office 020 8449 0048.

9 - 14 July
Incognito Theatre presents the comedy **'Allo 'Allo** based on the TV series by Jeremy Lloyd and David Croft. Directed by David Longstaff. Incognito Theatre (behind the clinic), Holly Park Road, N11. £7. For more details phone 020 8803 1947 or website: www.IncognitoTheatre.com

15 July 4pm
Stage and Screen Combat. Presented by the British Academy of Stage and Screen Combat an opportunity to see how martial arts developed over the last 500 years and how sword fights and hand to hand fights are prepared for film television and stage. The Bothy, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. £6/£5. Box office 020 8455 4640

20 & 21 July, 8pm
Tara Arts present **'2001 - a Ramayan Odyssey'**. Exiled

from their homelands, come two great heroes - sea-faring Odysseus and forest-bound Rama. The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5SJ. £9/£7. Box office 020 8449 0048.

22 July, 8pm
Guy Masterton Productions present **'Fine Balance'** Edinburgh Preview. Pip Ulton performs his disturbing new drama. The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5SJ. £9/£7. Box office 020 8449 0048.

26 - 28 July, 8pm
The Edinburgh Fringe **Barnet Nights! Edinburgh Preview.** Artists scheduled to appear include Jenny Eclair, The League against Tedium, Stuart Lee, Dave Gorman and the Boosh amongst others. The Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5SJ. £9/£7. Box office 020 8449 0048

29 July, 4pm
Theatre Set-Up present Shakespeare's **'The Tempest'** with its enchanted islands, monsters and spirits. Funded by Barnet Council. The Bothy, Avenue House, East End Road, N3. £7/£5.50. Box office 020 8455 4640

FILM

7 - 21 July
Jewish Film Summer. Six new Jewish films from around the world, accompanied by guest speakers including some of the filmmakers. Also 14 & 15 July, **2nd Highgate Short Film Festival** Screenings of new short films. Phoenix Cinema, 52 High Road, East Finchley, N2. Box office 020 8444 6789. 24 hr info 020 8883 2233

LOCAL HISTORY

4 September, 8pm
Friern Barnet and District Local History Society **'Women in Roman Times'** by John Brodrick. The Old Fire Station, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. Members free, visitors £2. For details phone 020 8444 3089

12 September, 7.45pm
Barnet and District Local History Society **'People and Nicholls Farm - an update'** Lecture by Dr Gillian Gear. Wyburn Room, Wesley Hall, Stapylton Road, Barnet. £1 visitors (subscription (minimum) £5 individuals, £7 family). For details phone 020 8449 6153

GARDENS

12 July, 8pm
New Barnet Amateur Gardeners' and Floral Art Society **'Green Fingers'**. Floral art, Mrs Jo Bromwich. Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet. Members £1.50, visitors £2.

LIBRARY BOOK SALES
5-7 July, **Childs Hill Library.** 320 Cricklewood Lane, NW2. Tel. 020 8455 5390
8-15 July, **Hendon Library.** The Burroughs, NW4. Tel. 020 8359 2629
17-21 July, **North Finchley Library.** Ravensdale Avenue, N12. Tel. 020 8445 4081
24-28 July, **East Barnet Library.** 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet, EN4. Tel. 020

8440 4376
4 & 8-11 August, **Chipping Barnet Library.** 3 Stapylton Road, Barnet, EN5. Tel. 020 8359 4547
7-11 August, **East Finchley Library.** 226 High Road, N2. 020 8883 2664
14-18 August, (some books in community languages)
Burnt Oak Library. Watling Avenue, Edgware, HA8. Tel. 020 8959 3112
21-25 August, **South Friern Library.** Colney Hatch Lane, N10. Tel. 020 8823 6512
1 & 4-8 September, **Friern Barnet Library.** Friern Barnet Road, N11. Tel. 020 8368 2686
13-15 September, **Edgware Library.** Hale Lane, Edgware, HA8. Tel. 020 8956 2626
18-23 September, **Golders Green Library.** 156 Golders Green Road, NW11. Tel. 020 8359 2060

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, PUBLIC MEETINGS, etc.
Normally meetings will commence at 7pm and will be held at The Town Hall, Hendon unless otherwise stated. Other arrangements operate for Area Forums and Area Sub-Committees. To find our details for one near you ring (020) 8359 2018.

July 3 (Tues) Council Meeting
July 4 (Wed) Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee; Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
July 9 (Mon) Adult Social Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
July 12 (Thur) Council Policy Conference
July 16 (Mon) Cabinet (Formal Meeting); Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee; Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20.
July 18 (Wed) Planning and Environment Committee
July 23 (Mon) Ratification and Operations Committee
July 24 (Tue) Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee (Avenue House, East End Road, N3); Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee
July 25 (Wed) Barnet Area Forum (East Barnet Baptist Church, Crescent Road, East Barnet, EN4 8PS - 6.30pm); Finchley Area Forum (Old Barn Community Centre, Tarling Road, N2 - 6.30pm); Hendon Area Forum (West Hendon Community Centre, off Marsh Drive, NW9 - 6.30pm)
July 26 (Thur) Recreation, Leisure and Arts Overview and Scrutiny Committee
August 1 (Wed) Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20; Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee, Avenue House, East End Road N3; Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
August 29 (Wed) Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20; Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee, Avenue House, East End Road N3; Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee.

Work starts this month on new centre of cultural excellence

The first stages of work on building Barnet's cultural and entertainment centre of excellence are expected to get underway later this month.

Work on the £50m town centre regeneration scheme at Tally Ho Corner will really pick up pace over the summer.

Engineers and builders are now preparing to start work on a new sewerage access chamber at the site and this is expected to take around three months to complete.

The Market is scheduled to move to its new home in Lodge Lane this month to make way for these access

chamber works.

Works on the foundations for the new centre of excellence will start around September or October and the whole scheme will take around two years to complete.

The project will create Barnet's first purpose-built arts centre, which will include a 400-seat main theatre, 150-seat studio theatre and art gallery.

There will also be a dramatic atrium foyer with a cafe, educational areas for Barnet College, workshops and education suite. The rest of the scheme includes a

Health and Fitness Centre, a Marks and Spencer store, other shops, a new bus interchange and over 150 flats.

The Arts Centre, which brings the first performing arts centre of its kind to the Borough, has been designed through a partnership with Barnet Council, Barnet College, the well-known Bull Arts Centre and Community Focus and will be operated by a charitable trust.

The whole scheme is being built by private sector developers through a partnership with Barnet Council.

TALLY HO

off to a flying start



PAINTING BRIGHT FUTURE



Streets through the ages was the theme teachers and children at Colindale Primary School called their own during Street Week. The children took to the streets to produce a mural. Pictured from left to right are Pavithra Narewdran, Jordan Archer, Gaklin Ou, Daryl Vas and Dotun Odejinmi working on the mural to be unveiled during arts week this month. Entitled *A Street Through Time*, the mural presents Edgware Road in modern day complete with Police car contrasted with the ancient Roman road. Over 60 children worked on the mural for more than two weeks.

FIRST MOVES IN CRICKLEWOOD REGENERATION

A planning application for one of the biggest regeneration projects London has ever seen has been submitted to the Council - and with it comes the first steps towards the total transformation of Cricklewood with a multi-million pound project creating thousands of local jobs.

Multi-billion project brings thousands of jobs

The developers, Cricklewood Development Ltd., have put forwards plans including:

- three hotels
- 2500 new homes
- new shops
- new leisure and sports facilities including enhanced recreational open space
- improved transport links including a new railway station and a rapid transport system linking the surrounding areas.

"This application is an important step forward in achieving our long-standing ambitions for the Cricklewood area. It is a massive and complex application and we will have to scrutinise all the details," said Councillor Monroe Palmer, Barnet's Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration.

He said the Council expected the plans would meet many of

the goals set for a revitalised Cricklewood.

"We are committed to working with Railtrack, their partners and other major land-owning interests in the area including Ham-merson, the Brent Cross owners, to realise our vision. This may, in due course, mean that some details of the application need to change," added Councillor Palmer.

The Council want to see a new Cricklewood centre that will boost Barnet and the rest of North London, while making a contribution to the vitality of London as a whole.

In April this year, your Council published its regeneration blueprint for the Cricklewood/ West

Hendon area.

This set out ways of encouraging employment, improving leisure facilities and providing a better quality of life for local residents. It is expected Council-lors will use this framework when they consider the application.

Following submission of the outline planning application, local residents and businesses will be given the chance to have their say on the scheme. Both the Council and developers will be carrying out extensive consultation as the lengthy planning process develops.

If the Council accepts the outline plan, the developers will have to submit a further detailed application.

SPOTLIGHT ON MILL HILL

Town Centre Revival Continues

The Council's Town Centre Management Team has been working with businesses and the community to breathe new life into shopping centres across the Borough.

Mill Hill, for many years well known for its festive lights and floral displays, had suffered when hard times facing local businesses meant these displays could not be funded.

Following the determined efforts of the Preservation Society, residents and traders, the hanging baskets were replanted in time for the June music festival and work is in progress replacing the festive lights.

Working with representatives of all sectors of the community, the Town Centre Management Team will be looking at more projects to continue this revival.

Councillor Monroe Palmer, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration, said: "We are determined to make our town centres places where people want to shop and eat. We want them to be economically vibrant and visually appealing. We have a lot to

NEW FREE SHOPPING GUIDE AND WEB SITE

do, but the work continues."

Borough-wide regeneration projects include the Upbeat 2 retail skills training programme, which from July will provide help for town centre businesses to assess their training needs.

The scheme will assist these businesses to reach the standards now demanded in the retail sector, with staff able to Learn Direct at the Upbeat Centre, at home or in Barnet libraries.

A new Town Centre web site is about to be launched to replace the shopping page of the Barnet Council site and can be found on www.barnet.gov.uk. Providing a quick overview of what is

happening in our town centres, the web site will have all the latest information up-dated on a continuous basis.

A new free shopping guide to all the Borough's town centres will be published this month (July).

This comprehensive shopping guide will include maps of the larger town centres and a comprehensive classified list of retail outlets.

The guide will be available from outlets in every town centre and from supermarkets, newsagents and hotels as well as the Borough's libraries.

PAYING NEVER BEEN EASIER

Paying Council Tax and rents has never been easier - thanks to the new system introduced by the Council at the beginning of this year. The simple and effective plastic swipe card has proved popular with tenants who no longer need to exchange vouchers from payment books and wait while they are stamped and entered by Post Office staff.

In future, the transaction will involve handing over the payment together with a card which will be swiped once by the cashier who will issue a simple receipt.

Tenants are also given a specially designed wallet to hold the card, receipts and information on payment dates.

The Council estimates it will save £76,000 a year on transaction costs using the new swipe card system.

By replacing the instalment books with plastic cards, there is less scope for error in processing payments, reduced inconvenience for residents and savings in staff time and in the printing and distribution of payment books.

The separate cards for rent

AND COUNCIL CUTS COSTS BY £76,000

any Post Office and at the cashier's offices in Hendon Town Hall and Wood Street, Barnet.

The Post Office handles the Council Tax and rent payments for the Council for 16,000 tenants which creates 350,000 transactions a year.

With the introduction of the new system, costs could be cut from an annual £230,000 to an estimated £154,000.

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YOUTH HAS SAY

Investment In All Our Futures

Barnet's young people have given their new Youth Forum a flying start at an action-packed 'Sort It Out' conference.

Attended by over 150 young people, the conference was organised by Barnet Action 4 Youth and set out the priorities for the new Barnet Youth Forum.

Run by young people for young people, the conference included workshops on bullying, racism, crime, boredom as well as other youth issues, drama productions and presentations.

The Barnet Youth Forum gives a new voice to young people and encourages and enables them to play a major role in making



positive changes.

The Forum enables our local youth to consult with decision-makers and be consulted by decision-

makers on issues that affect their lives.

Acting as an umbrella organisation for other local Youth Action Groups, the

Forum is a partnership managed by Crime Concern with the financial backing of Barnet Council.

The priorities for young

people identified for action at the conference included racism, bullying, crime and particularly mugging and street crime, and education.

DEMOCRACY AT WORK

Your Council has grasped the challenge - and listened to residents throughout the borough - and changed the way it makes decisions.

Sweeping reforms have been introduced which see the old Council committee structure transformed into a modern system which is designed to produce fast-track decisions and cut down on costly non-productive meetings.

Barnet was one of the first councils to anticipate change when it introduced a pilot 'Leader and Cabinet' system over two years ago.

After a massive consultation this year, when residents were asked for their views, 10,784 responded and the vast majority opted for the Leader and Cabinet model.

Barnet's new democratic structure now includes:

- A Bill system for developing policy similar to that used in Parliament.

Residents say Yes To Barnet Cabinet

- A Cabinet and Overview Scrutiny Committee which meets monthly to review all Cabinet decisions before they are implemented.
- The seven service Scrutiny Committees will continue to look after reviewing policy and ensuring best value but now also have a role in the overall policy of the Council.
- The ten member Cabinet has powers to make decisions within the Council's agreed budget and policies. Any other decisions must go to a full Council meeting.

- A Council Policy Conference takes an overview of budgets and policy.
- Any Councillor can raise policy issues or ward issues through a ballot at the annual Council Meeting when Councillors will be selected who can present private members bills at each meeting of the Council Policy Conference.

Democracy is protected since Councillors have the power to block the Cabinet budget by a simple majority vote.

Councillors appoint Cabinet members and the Leader distributes service area portfolios.

Doing our best for older people

The Council's drive to provide the best possible housing for older residents in the Borough takes centre stage at this year's annual Housing Conference.

Minister of State for Housing, John Hutton MP, is the keynote speaker at the newly refurbished BBC Hippodrome in Golders Green on 12 July when the theme for the conference is 'Quality in Choice in Older People's Housing.'

Other major speakers will include Chris Holmes, Director of Shelter, Ashley Horsey, Chief Executive of the Empty Homes Agency and Councillor Alan Williams, Leader of Barnet Council.

One of the Council's top priorities is to modernise and improve housing for older people in the Borough - and this has already started with the

improvements in our residential care homes in partnership with Ealing Family Housing Association and the Fremantle Trust.

The Council is also determined to provide the best possible care in sheltered housing and has ambitious plans to modernise all its centres over the next decade.

Your Council has also set a target of providing another 140 'extra care' sheltered homes for those older people who need more support. Another key goal for the Council is tackling homelessness.

One of the areas being tackled at the conference will be how to combat homelessness.