

FBWRA Chairman's Report for December 2021 Committee Meeting

Planning –

Barnet House – My request to the planning officer that the officer's report on the application should include the Council's estimate of the actual car parking requirement that will be generated so this can be compared with the proposed number of spaces received a reply that avoided the question. I have sent a further request for "clarification" as my questions merely required yes/no responses. Still waiting even after further reminder.

Minor revisions made by applicant to the application. I have still to consider these.

Application 20/5845/FUL St Johns Church Hall N20 0LP- still currently "pending decision". Numerous technical reports added to the website in the last 6 weeks or so.

Application 21/4178/FUL Proposal for BT Hub outside 836 High Road London N12 9RE (North Finchley Sainsbury's) – still "pending decision".

Application 21/ 5449/FUL 1522 High Road London N20 9PT Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new two storey dwelling with basement level and rooms in the roof space, to provide 8no. self-contained flats. Pending consideration. The number of objections will require officers to reject or send to Committee to determine.

Application 21/5873/PNV Marlborough House Marlborough Gardens London N20 0SE. Application for 2 extra floors forming 4 flats. I have objected using reasons the Council gave for refusing a similar application elsewhere.

Application 21/6143/FUL 74 Hollickwood Avenue N12 0LT. Application for 2 single storey homes in former garden. There is an existing permission for 2 similar but smaller houses. Decided not to object.

Council planning website. The Council confirmed that responses of statutory consultees in relation to planning applications should be posted on the planning website and that in principle pre-application advice can be subject to FOI requests. Replies due mid- November relating to specific applications now promised for mid-December.

North Finchley Town Centre – development. The Partnership Board held its first meeting. Members include a representative from Lodge Lane RA.

FORAB- I joined the FORAB Zoom meeting on 23 Nov. Items discussed included Update on Local Plan; Additional Floors on houses and flats - planning and appeal decisions; Update on major housing schemes (incl Homebase, B&Q, Whalebones, Victoria Quarter);Town centre regeneration - North Finchley Partnership Board. Subsequently I circulated material (which has been seen by the Committee) on CIL and spending by Barnet.

Display Boards – possibility of borrowing from the History Society – further investigation required (outstanding action on my part)

Newsletter – my thanks to the Secretary for steering the November issue through to printing. I received comments from a member resident in The Ridgeway N11 on various highways issues to which I have responded.

Liability insurance – renewed. We must now prepare the required risk assessments. Our range of insured activities has been expanded to include gardening and also other activities appropriate to a residents' association.

Love Whetstone Christmas Tree – along with some other members of the Committee, I attended the lighting of the tree on 24 Nov.

Ravensdale Ave RA. I had a lengthy discussion with the Chairman of this RA, who contacted us via our email address to enquire about a collective membership of FBWRA or similar.