

FBWRA Chairman's Report for October 2021 Committee Meeting

Planning –

Barnet House – I submitted a more detailed and expanded technical objections based on the material from the Finchley Society and a critique of the car parking survey methodology with a request the officer's report on the application includes 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. Copied to the local Councillors. If this is ignored I plan to use the Council's complaints procedure.

Parking Surveys for planning applications- FOI response received. The Council has access to Census data on car ownership which could be used to assist in evaluation planning applications.

Application 21/3131 / FUL Rear of 143 Friern Barnet Lane – We objected to the revised plans. The application was refused on 3 September.

Application 21/3320/FUL 82 Beaconsfield Rd – We objected- the application was approved. Not enough objections to go to Committee, so approved by officers.

Application 20/5845/FUL St Johns Church Hall N20 OLP- Following the zoom meeting I confirmed FBWRA's objection to the planners because of the housing mix (mostly studios and 1 bed flats) and potential traffic congestion in FBL.

21/4178/FUL Proposal for BT Hub outside 836 High Road London N12 9RE (North Finchley Sainsbury's) – Responding to a request from FinSoc for assistance I submitted an objection to this application (in my personal capacity) There are now 5 public objections so should go to Committee if not rejected by Officers. It is "pending decision".

Homebase, N Finchley. The planning inspector rejected the developer's appeal against the refusal of planning permission- blocks of flats too tall and too close, but the inference is that a less dense and design would be acceptable.

North Finchley Town Centre – Partnership Board. The Council have started the selection of Board members. They sent me an invitation to apply, but I decided that for personal reasons I did not want to take on a further commitment of this type, and so have not applied.

North Finchley Town Centre – development. There are reports that the Council plans to sell the Arts Depot and Lodge Lane and Woodhouse Road car parks to a developer.

Leaflet distribution in new developments in Whetstone- Sweets Way, Well Grove and houses in Quayle Crescent – leaflets now ready for delivery.

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

Newsletter – I had discussions with ACE and the Secretary. We will provide the final text of the articles and pictures to ACE, who will assemble a draft for our approval based on the current format. The cost is unclear but will depend on time taken. For this reason I am proposing that we stick with the current format for the time being. For this edition at least there will not be a section for events of other organisations.