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## Poverty report spells out need for funding

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

**W**orsening poverty and inequality in Enfield has made the borough “more like inner London than outer London”.

This was one of the damning conclusions made in a landmark report examining the quality of life for local people – which also laid bare the huge differences between living in the east and west of the borough. Commissioned by Enfield Council but independently drawn up by experts from The Smith Institute, the Enfield Poverty and Inequality Commission (EPIC) published its

report *All Things Being Equal* at the House of Lords last month.

Baroness Tyler of Enfield, a former pupil of Latymer School in Edmon-ton, acted as chair of the commission. She said: “I know quite well that Enfield has the reputation of a leafy outer London suburb, but I always knew there was a divide between east and west – this has really sharpened in the last decade. “It is clear to me now that the levels of poverty and deprivation are more comparable to inner London boroughs than they were ten years ago. Enfield has risen from the twelfth most deprived to the ninth most deprived borough in London.”

Funding levels for public services

in Enfield remain much lower per head than in inner London, despite deprivation growing quicker in outer London. EPIC has challenged this outdated formula and called on the government to end the borough’s “unfair” funding allocations, particularly for public health and schools.

Baroness Tyler said she knew the government wanted to focus on northern England but urged local service providers to “make the case” for outer London. She added: “Enfield is still getting funding more appropriate to what it was like 20 years ago than what it is like today. The government needs to recognise the growing levels of

poverty in outer London.”

Some of the stark statistics highlighted by EPIC include Enfield having the highest number of evictions from private rental properties in London, the eleventh highest rate of child poverty in the UK, the second highest level of serious youth violence in London, and the fifth highest child obesity rate in London.

There has been a 250% rise in homelessness since 2011, and one in three Enfield children now live in poverty. The disparity between the borough’s east and west was also made clear in health data showing that the average life

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expectancy was 8.5 years lower for people living in the poorest part of Enfield compared with those in the richest part. Someone living in Edmonton Green can expect to live in good health for 66.6% of their life, compared with 81.5% in Winchmore Hill.

The commission's investigation into Enfield's poverty and inequality was conducted over a six-month period between May and November last year and cost the council £22,500. It sought evidence from a range of community stakeholders including headteachers, council officers, NHS bosses,

charities, residents' groups, the Metropolitan Police, local MPs, trade unions and business leaders.

As well as outlining the extent of poverty in Enfield, in its report EPIC makes 27 recommendations both for local and national government to take forward. Enfield Council has agreed to draw up an action plan, including measurable targets which can be reviewed and scrutinised. An independent review of its progress will be made in one year's time.

While some of the recommendations, such as a review of funding formulas, are beyond control of the local authority, many explicitly call on the council to act –

such as restoring funding for youth services.

Speaking to the *Dispatch*, council leader Nesil Caliskan pledged to follow the recommendations. She said: "I am really aware there are pockets of poverty around the whole borough, but the east side is disproportionately affected.

"The action plan is the next stage that will come out of this and we will need to deliver on the recommendations."

Newly-elected Enfield North MP Feryal Clark also attended the House of Lords event and said: "The other local MPs and I will continue to make sure we do our bit to deliver on these recommendations."

# Uncollected food waste causes stink



The small brown bins for food waste were delivered to households in November

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

**H**undreds of people have been affected by missed brown bin collections since Enfield Council's new food waste service began in November.

The small containers were delivered to households last autumn for the purpose of recycling out-dated food and leftovers, but some residents say their bins have not been collected even once, while others say collections are frequently missed.

The *Dispatch* understands that several hundred missed collection reports have been filed with the council since the new service was introduced. Streets known to have suffered from frequent missed collections include Clarence Road in Ponders End, Harman Road in Bush Hill Park, Hillside Grove in Southgate and Oxford Close in Edmonton. It is understood that problems with the online complaints system for missed waste

collections have led to further issues, with some residents unable to inform the council of when their collection was missed.

Cigdem Hasan, from Oxford Close, told the *Dispatch*: "I complained to the council and after two weeks they came, but it has happened again and it's now been three weeks since it was collected. I have emailed the complaints team who said they will investigate but nothing appears to be happening. "Nobody is coming on the designated day at all to my road to collect the brown food bins."

The teething problems with the new food waste service come as the council prepares to make another major change to bin collections on Monday 2nd March, when both black and blue bins move to a fortnightly service.

All the changes being brought in are designed to help save £2million in taxpayers' money and increase recycling rates to 50%. The scale of the challenge was recently laid bare, however,

when new figures showed that Enfield's domestic recycling rate had declined by 2.5% in 2018/19, down to 33.4%. It was the fourth-biggest drop in recycling in London.

A council spokesperson said: "We are on-track to deliver the second phase of the new service this spring comprising of alternate weekly collections of household rubbish and recycling collections. The changes were necessary because central government cut a £2.5m grant we had for weekly bin collections.

"Every week Enfield Council collects bins and recycling from over 87,000 properties. While we will endeavour to collect every bin, there can be reasons for a missed collection, for example obstructions caused by parked cars, access issues, or bins not being presented correctly. Since the new service started on 4th November, 0.32% of bins were not collected as scheduled.

"Across London recycling rates have plateaued and local authorities are having to make radical changes to help people change their behaviour."

Caroline Russell, a Green Party member of the London Assembly, slammed "stagnating" local authority recycling rates across the capital. She said: "Public feeling and concern about waste has never been higher, so it's a shame this just doesn't seem to be a priority for the mayor of London. Recycling saves money and helps cut carbon emissions, so it's worrying to see how far we're behind the national rates."

## Martin's MBE

**T**he former chairman of Enterprise Enfield, Martin Jewell, was made an MBE in the New Year Honours list, recognising his services to business start-ups and charities in Enfield.

Martin played a fundamental part in setting up Enterprise Enfield and served as a director and chairman of its board on a voluntary basis for over 30 years, retiring only recently. Des Johnson, Enterprise Enfield's chief executive, said: "We are deeply grateful to Martin for the exceptional work he has undertaken – he has added value to many people's lives and helped them achieve their potential."

## Credit due

**E**nfield has the third highest take-up in London of the government's new all-in-one benefit payments system, Universal Credit, so far.

Data from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) shows Enfield had 19,297 claimants registered at the end of 2019, with only Croydon and Southwark having more.

Universal Credit is designed to simplify the benefits system, replacing six benefits with a single monthly payment. However, it has faced criticism for cutting overall payments to those on the lowest incomes. The DWP claims it helps get people into work.

Are you a Universal Credit claimant? Tell the *Dispatch* about your experience via email: [EnfieldDispatch@socialspider.com](mailto:EnfieldDispatch@socialspider.com)

## Licence law

**E**nfield Council has moved to help private sector tenants living in poor conditions – by forcing landlords to obtain licences.

Councillors voted through plans to introduce a selective licensing scheme in 14 wards plus a scheme for homes in multiple occupation across Enfield. They hope the policy will raise housing conditions as the private rented sector now makes up one third of households.

George Savva, cabinet member for licensing, said: "The council will intervene to improve tenants' quality of life, tackling deprivation and driving up housing standards."

Licences will cost £600 per property for a selective licence and £900 for a multiple-occupation licence, for up to five years. Penalties include fines up to £30,000.

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The Enfield Street Watch team outside Heritage in Southgate

## Helping you stay safe

*How two community safety schemes are working in tandem to protect local people*

BY DIONNE JOHN

Enfield Street Watch is a new style of community partnership led by the community, for the community.

The scheme brings people together to help make streets and open spaces safer for everyone. The patrol-based initiative is backed by the Metropolitan Police and has a proven track record of success in

other London boroughs. Since its Enfield launch last summer, the scheme has already had successful patrols and received strong support from local businesses, residents, parents and schools.

The organisers are now looking for more volunteers to expand into Edmonton Green and increase their existing patrols in Southgate. Volunteers are vetted, insured and receive induction training before they start.

They provide a visible reassuring presence and report anything suspicious or any street care issues in the neighbourhood. If you have a couple of hours or whatever time you can spare and wish to volunteer for administrative support, after-school patrols or patrols at other times for Edmonton Green or Southgate, do please get in touch!

Enfield Street Watch also works together with CHiPS (Community Help Point Scheme) to create safer

communities in the borough. CHiPS provides more than 200 safe places such as shops, businesses and civic buildings within the community where young and vulnerable people can go to access support if they are lost, at risk, or feel vulnerable.

CHiPS has been developed in partnership with police and Enfield Council. Staff at the CHiPS locations have been checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and trained to help. They display the official logo in their window and can help to access support or let someone wait until they feel comfortable and safe to continue their journey.

CHiPS is a nationwide, award-winning scheme which has now been running for 14 years in Enfield. Caterina, owner of La Dolce Piazza café in Edmonton Green, which has been part of the scheme since it started in 2006, said: "I think it's important that local businesses support the community and young and vulnerable people know that there's always somewhere to go if help is needed when they are out and about in the community."

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## Creating A London home is looking to exp



A fundraising event in Camden

BY ROBBIE STEVENS

No-one should have to sleep on the streets. There are around 300,000 people classified as homeless in London alone – whether that's because they're in temporary accommodation or sleeping rough.

Haven4Homeless was founded last October with the aim of making the world a little bit better, but getting people to help the homeless can be difficult because

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## safe havens

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st December raised £3,000 for Haven4Homeless

tional skills and the Bus4Wellness provides holistic support and healing, helping instil confidence, support and love.

To help raise the money needed we teamed up with film and theatre company RAaW London in Camden. The aim of working with the young people at RAaW was to tackle the stigma surrounding homelessness. We did a week of fundraising last December, beginning with a sponsored night-time walk and ending with a live-streamed TV show, produced entirely in-house and full of song, dance and spoken word performances by students and graduates from RAaW London.

Throughout the night, there were also volunteers handing out bags of essentials and coats, as well as soup to homeless people in the surrounding area. We had a total of 65 amazing volunteers throughout the week who helped in various ways, from spreading awareness to donating or performing.

After supporting Buses4Homeless, we felt really inspired and therefore aim to create our own version of these life-changing havens for homeless people in Enfield. If you can support our campaign, get in touch.

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of the stigma surrounding homeless people.

We can feel removed from homelessness, with many people holding a view that "it will never be me". But rough sleeping in Britain is forecast to rise by 76% in the next decade unless the government takes action.

While short-term solutions, such as tents, hot meals and warm clothes make life on the streets a bit more bearable, we need to look to the future and focus on people's wellbeing and education before helping them find

employment, so that they are able to afford a home and move forward. Everyone deserves a second chance.

With these goals in mind, we recently raised £3,000 to sponsor a homeless person through our three-month programme Buses4Homeless, based in west London. We fit out four buses to provide different services; the 'Bus4Shelter' provides 16 sleeping pods for guests; the 'Bus4Dining' teaches guests to cook for themselves and others; the 'Bus4Learning' teaches voca-

## Learning the lingo

Priya Purryag on why she launched a local branch of a languages programme for toddlers



Priya Purryag runs Lingotot Southgate

I live in Enfield with my husband Ravi and my six-year-old son, Rohan, and when I came across Lingotot I knew it would provide me with the perfect

opportunity to share my passion and open up the world of modern languages to children living in my local community.

Lingotot is an award-winning languages programme, delivered to more than 20,000 children across the UK each week. It runs classes through community groups, nurseries and schools, teaching languages such as French, Spanish, German, Arabic and even Mandarin Chinese. I enjoyed a successful career in the world of banking and more recently in the charitable sector, but after the birth of my son I wanted something that combined my passion for languages with the flexibility needed for family life. With Lingotot, I can use my experience to help children to learn new languages and skills from a young age. The classes are packed full of songs, games, stories, crafts and most importantly, they are fun.

To celebrate the launch of Lingotot Southgate and give local families the chance to experience a morning of interactive fun, I recently hosted a launch party at KB02 in Palmers Green. Children participated in a 'Little Lingotots' French and Spanish taster class and expanded their learning with a range of language activities.

The event was a resounding success and I was overwhelmed by the hugely positive response from my local community. It was wonderful to see young children start to learn new vocabulary and actions right from their very first lesson. I hope to see many of these children continue their learning by attending Lingotot Southgate's classes.

**For more information about Lingotot Southgate:**

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## Home a loan

Frances Button on the benefits of Enfield Home Library Service

For many of us reading, listening to music and watching a film all provide a stimulus and a window on the world.

But if we don't have access to these media at home, our local library is an invaluable source of material to brighten lives, educate, and entertain. It is not always easy to get out and about, however, and this is where Enfield Home Library Service comes into its own.

When mobility, disability, or caring responsibilities make it difficult for people to get to their local library, the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS), in co-operation with Enfield Council, can help. The home library service delivers loaned books, spoken word and music CDs, plus DVDs, to housebound individuals and their carers every four weeks free of charge.

Shauna Teevan is the community services manager for Enfield Home Library Service. She says: "We deliver to Enfield borough residents in their homes, in residential homes, and recently, a service delivering to a ward at Chase Farm Hospital."

The service is operated almost entirely by a team of 45 volunteers, who make deliveries and select the books based on either specific requests or general guidelines set by the readers themselves.

The team are also looking for volunteer 'selectors' to choose books,

issue them using library software, and prep them for delivery and discharge upon their return. The deliveries for each round happen every four weeks and selecting can take anywhere from two to six hours, depending on how the volunteer chooses to go about it. Volunteers work independently so that they can fit it in with their schedule and are able to reserve from home if they prefer using the library catalogue.

Linda Morgan, one of the invaluable RVS volunteers, has been involved in the service for four years and loves the work. She says that she has found the involvement with the people on her rounds to be "a humbling experience". She adds: "You discover people who have had remarkable lives. They are so grateful and really appreciate the personal contact. There have also been occasions when I have been able to put people in touch with other services and organisations that are relevant."

The home loan service is free and can be accessed by filling in a form available at your local library or by contacting Shauna.

**For more information about Enfield Home Library Service, volunteer or sign up:**

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Volunteers such as Frances help choose books for the home delivery service



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## Going the extra mile

Sadiya Mohamoud talks to James Cracknell about her affordable childminding business, which comes with added benefits for parents



Sadiya Mohamoud runs a bilingual childminding service in Enfield

**F**inding a reliable and trusted childcare provider at an affordable price can be one of the trickiest parts of parenting, but it is something made even more difficult by language and cultural barriers.

Sadiya Mohamoud is a childcare professional from Edmonton, where 58% of the population is black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME). After working for many years in a local nursery she realised she could offer something extra for parents.

Sadiya grew up in Somalia and moved to the UK in 2001. She speaks several languages, including Somali, Arabic and Swahili. Her ability to help children from many different backgrounds, who may be learning English as a second language, has proved invaluable.

After eight years working in a nursery and then a school, Sadiya decided to set up as an independent childminder based in her own home. She says: "I love

working with children. When I left the nursery they advised me to become a childminder. I would look after them, cook for them, I did everything for them.

"It was very successful. I can be flexible and I offer good prices. Single mothers might not be able to afford normal child-

care, so I charge them less."

Affordable childcare enables parents more time to pursue new courses, qualifications and help with employment and integration, as well as aiding the development of their children.

"Language barriers can make you not very confident. Sometimes their children hav-

en't learned English yet and their children will not be able to say when they want to go to the toilet or they need a drink.

"When the parents know I can speak their language they feel confident, knowing I can help their children learn English at the same time as looking after them."

***"At our coffee morning we come together and if they need support I can help them with making phone calls and filling in forms"***

Sadiya's childminding service became more and more popular, but working from home limited the number of children she could take on. It was then that she discovered Bountagu Big Local and was offered the chance to run 'soft play' sessions at The Ark in Edmonton, supported by UnLtd. She now has up to 20 children on her

books and employs three staff, even offering parents a pick-up service.

"I do a coffee morning as well. Many parents in this area have problems finding a job or have problems with benefits and housing. On Mondays and Tuesdays at our coffee morning we come together and if they need support I can help them with making phone calls and filling in forms.

"I want to help them, it is not all about money. Sometimes they might not understand the systems, but I can refer people to where they get support."

Sadiya is now looking to expand further by setting up her own premises, designed with the needs of her children and parents in mind.

"If we have got enough children and we become successful we can open a new premises – but I am not going to stop helping parents. I believe in helping people."



Campaigners want funding for Enfield's public services to head in a new direction

# We declare this unfair

## Enfield Over 50s Forum president Monty Meth on why the group has launched a new campaign for fairer funding

Faced with continued under-funding of our health, education, local authority and public services, Enfield Over 50s Forum has launched a cross-party, multi-faith 'Enfield Declaration for Fairer Funding'.

We are asking prominent local community leaders to join us in endorsing this declaration. We want to ensure that Enfield is not forgotten in the promised spending spree directed at the Midlands and North following December's general election.

The declaration is directed primarily at the prime minister; the secretary of state for health and social care; secretary of state for housing, communities and local government; plus the chief secretary to the Treasury. They will be pressed before the upcoming budget in March to honour a promise, given last year to the forum, that future funding "will be decided in a fair, robust and evidence-based way".

That pledge followed one given in 2018 by Rishi Sunak MP when, as minister for local government, he promised that the issues raised by the forum's fairer funding petition – signed by 10,000 Enfield residents – "will be looked at closely".

Now that Rishi has been promoted to

the role of chief secretary to the Treasury, we think he is in a stronger position to see that the specific funding issues raised by the forum will be honoured.

Among the first local signatories to the declaration are Baroness Tyler of Enfield, chair of Enfield Poverty and Inequality Commission; Pamela Burke, chief executive of Enfield Carers Centre; Jill Harrison, chief executive of Citizens Advice Enfield; Reverend Melanie Smith from Enfield United Reformed Church; Emma Rigby, founder of Love Your Doorstep; Jo Ikhelev, chief executive of Enfield Voluntary Action; and Chandra Bhatia, chief executive of Enfield Racial Equality Council.

As signatories we wish to draw attention to the grossly unfair and continuous under-funding of our borough by successive governments and their statutory services. Because it does not take absolute levels of need into account, and updated evidence-based data is excluded, Enfield is perpetually under-funded. Persistent but remediable health inequalities, between us and other North London boroughs, continue.

For example, compared with our £47 per head of Enfield's growing population, the average public health grant for 2019/20 across all London boroughs

*"Enfield is perpetually under-funded"*

is £73 per head. This gap between Enfield's public health allocation and the London average has increased from £24 to £26, despite ministers in 2015 telling Enfield MPs that we were 13.6% under-funded. Why has Enfield's public health grant been cut by £446,000 this year to £47 per head, while Islington receives £103 per head, Camden £100, Haringey £69 and Kensington and Chelsea £130?

Having been subject to spending cuts since 2010 of some £180million, our council services face pressures as never before. So now is the time to make our voices heard. Let's declare loud and clear that Enfield needs a fair funding deal from government.

**Support the Enfield Declaration for Fairer Funding with your name, designation and your organisation:**

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## Going Green

*In our latest councillor's column, Tim Leaver discusses what's happening in Palmers Green*

I've lived in Palmers Green since 1995, moving here from Enfield Town where I grew up. I've been involved in local campaigns and local politics ever since.

In the 2018 local election I was immensely proud to be elected as a councillor for this ward. Since then what I have learned about local politics is that nothing respects boundaries. While Palmers Green as a community begins where Green Lanes leaves Haringey and includes the Fox Pub, Broomfield Park and Lakes Estate, the ward doesn't.

Instead, in the world politicians operate in, we are separated by the carefully crafted dotted lines established by the Boundary Commission. But people live and breathe their communities. Local politicians need to listen to residents' views and consider the impacts that wider issues and decisions have on our wards and communities.

At the moment we have the 'Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood' project being discussed, as well as the upcoming low-traffic scheme around Connaught Avenue. This is part of Enfield Council's borough-wide response to reduce the volume of traffic, reduce the ability of people to 'rat run' and improve the environment and safety for all residents. It will have a lasting impact and residents must have their say through engagement and consultation. The schemes must be right for our streets and must have residents' support. These projects will also contribute to the council's response to the declared climate emergency.



Tim Leaver was elected in 2018

With the recent general election returning a majority for the Conservative Party at Westminster, we can expect a continuation of the cold-hearted austerity which has seen over half of the council's grant cut since 2010, squeezing our local services and damaging our communities. Along with the pressure on our NHS, underfunding of our schools and the rise in crime, we now have the renewed fear of a hard Brexit as this government seems set on placing unrealistic timelines on negotiating our trade terms with the EU.

With a strong voice for Enfield from our three Labour MPs, working closely with Enfield councillors, I hope our communities can be defended from the worst excesses of the government that local residents of Enfield have largely rejected.

**Tim Leaver represents Palmers Green ward alongside Mary Maguire and Ahmet Oykenar (all Labour). Surgeries are held at Palmers Green Library on the first and third Saturday of the month, 10.30am to 12pm.**

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# Home Office must free vulnerable Madhi

## Thousands sign petition in support of Enfield resident

BY REVEREND MELANIE SMITH

**A**t 6.30am on Monday 20th January, an Enfield couple's peace was shattered.

Police and Home Office personnel broke down the door to remove an asylum seeker, Madhi, and take him to an immigration detention centre.

Madhi fled Iran in 2016, having been held by authorities there for being a Christian, and claimed asylum in Germany. At the height of the refugee crisis, when Germany received 280,000 applications in one year alone, Madhi found himself living on the streets and abused by local youths from the political far-right. Frightened for his life, he fled once again to the UK and was placed by the Home Office in Liverpool.

It was during this time he met his partner, Ian, and moved to Ian's home in Enfield, where they have found a supportive church community at Winchmore Hill United Reformed Church. Madhi suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from his experiences in Iran and Germany. Yet the UK authorities want to remove Madhi back to Germany, as that was his first point of entry into Europe.

On a bureaucratic level, I do not have a problem with this, but Madhi has a right to a family life, which he has established here in Enfield. Moreover, on a previous attempt to remove him to Germany, Madhi self-harmed and his injuries were not treated in the UK. On arrival in Germany, the authorities there refused to accept him because

his injuries were so severe and he was returned to the UK.

We are asking that Madhi is granted bail immediately. He is being held at Colinbrook Detention Centre near Heathrow Airport, which is adversely affecting his mental health, and we are extremely concerned for him.

Enfield North MP Feryal Clark has asked urgent questions of the Home Office, which led to Madhi's name being taken off a deportation flight at the end of January. However, concern for him is rising as it would appear that he hasn't been allowed his prescribed medication and his psychiatrist is very concerned for the impact this will have on him.

Please sign our petition calling on the Home Office to release Madhi – go to <http://chnng.it/gC6TC95c>

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## More trees

*Dear Enfield Dispatch*

**I** recently wrote to Enfield Council about the need to plant more trees. Through Freedom of Information requests I discovered that, excluding 'whips' (young trees below three feet tall), the council has felled 807 more trees than they have planted since 2014.

We all know that climate change is one of the biggest issues facing us. Trees are an essential and simple way to help tackle climate change. They are also good for wildlife, provide flood protection, improve air quality, and cool down the area around them. As an outer borough, Enfield should be taking the lead in London's efforts to plant more trees, but instead we have been going backwards.

If we can't get something as cheap and straightforward as tree planting right, how are we going to do everything else necessary to get to net zero carbon before 2050?

**Ben Farress-Noble**  
Main Avenue, Enfield

## Cock-up

*Dear Enfield Dispatch*

**T**ransport for London and Sadiq Khan's planners want to block our view of the sky by building four tower blocks up to 14 storeys tall. These would be on a high ridge of land overlooking Cockfosters and Trent Park, commandeering the heavily-used car park at Cockfosters Station.

TfL has chosen the cheapest option with a huge payback, at the expense of its own customers; those who use its car park to travel into London and beyond. The streets in Cockfosters have become more and more blocked by parked cars because of the increases in car park charges – now £5.70 per day, or £1,368 after tax for a 48-week working year.

There are no plans for a drop-off zone – so people will use the bus lay-by in front of the station on Cockfosters Road.

Perhaps we should allow one small building to lock away the planners for this project until such time as they are no longer deemed a danger to the public?

**Simon Browne**  
Cockfosters

## Baseless backlash

*Dear Enfield Dispatch*

**I** am writing partly in response to the letters in Issue 16 regarding Enfield Council's 'Quieter Neighbourhoods' project. These letters do not depict an isolated opinion, for I have heard a lot of people speaking critically of the council's decision, but I'm afraid this view does not stand up to scrutiny.

The "inconvenience to residents" caused by this project has been exaggerated, largely through misinformation among residents. Firstly, cars "rat running" through residential streets are a source of great grief across Enfield, especially where I live. Cars park in front of driveways for hours, blocking passage of residents' cars. Secondly, the claim proposals are being pushed "with little consultation" are untrue – stage five of the project involves "consultation and/or trial" followed by adjustments to the idea.

**Rsaal Firoz**  
Cockfosters

## Fox Lane fury

*Dear Enfield Dispatch*

**T**he traffic survey of the Fox Lane area [Why I welcome low-traffic neighbourhoods, Issue 16, Page 8] shows that traffic is light, with most roads averaging less than one car per minute and even the busiest three roads [aside from Fox Lane itself] averaging below four. The speed statistics show that more than 95% of vehicles travelled below 30mph.

Accident statistics and pollution levels are normal. The proposal is to close off the whole of the Fox Lane area, leaving just one exit point available for each resident. This would add an average of one mile to every trip for residents, visitors, and those needing to cross the area. The whole project is unnecessary and will actually damage the environment by increasing the overall miles driven and congestion.

The council should immediately halt this damaging, unpopular proposal now and spend their time and our money doing something useful.

**Michael Lord**  
Morton Way, Southgate

# Your chance to meet local NHS leaders

Emma Friddin from Healthwatch Enfield invites residents to join the organisation's annual conference



Last year's Healthwatch Enfield conference

**T**ickets are going fast for Healthwatch Enfield's biggest ever annual conference. We'll be hosting discussions with local health leaders, so this is your chance to find out what these changes will mean for you and give feedback directly to the people running services.

As a local branch of Healthwatch, we are here not only to give you information about health and social care in Enfield, but also to ensure your views are heard when services are being developed. There are some key changes happening, for example, where GP surgeries are joining up into networks. It's vital that we can all understand and contribute to the conversation, as we all have a role to play.

Our annual conference is a great opportunity for you to get your views heard and, this year, we are making it bigger and better than ever! It is taking place on Wednesday 4th March from 9am–2.30pm at The Ark Royal in Meridian Way, Edmonton. We would love to see you there!

You will also have the opportunity to hear from local NHS leaders about other topics such as 'social prescribing' and hospital updates, while participating in table discussions to share your views. We will be

providing lunch and refreshments to keep you fed and watered.

The conference is inclusive to all. Our previous conferences have welcomed people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds from across the borough. It is our job to make sure that the information we give you is as accessible as possible, and we work really hard to make sure everyone attending can understand, participate and enjoy the event.

For example, we will be providing British Sign Language interpreters and there will be Healthwatch staff, volunteers and table facilitators to help you on the day. If you haven't been to one of our annual conferences before, why don't you come along and get involved? If you have been to one before, we really look forward to seeing you again!

Please be advised that places are limited and we recommend booking early via our website to avoid disappointment.

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## Tributes to 'wonderful' doctor

BY PAOLA NOTO

**T**ributes have been paid to a popular and much-loved doctor who spent nearly 25 years caring for his patients.

Family, friends and patients gathered to celebrate and pay tribute to Dr Asit Mukhopadhyay, the founder of Oakwood Medical Centre who worked there as a local GP for more than two decades.

Dr Mukhopadhyay, who retired nearly ten years ago, died suddenly aged 79 after suffering a heart attack. He was much loved by all his patients, who called him a "wonderful and caring man" with a "vibrant character". Many messages have been collected in a condolence book that was presented to his family.

Former patients and family gathered last month to unveil a plaque in his memory outside the surgery in Malcolm's Way, Oakwood. They also planted a rose.

Speaking at the ceremony, patients'

participation group chair Monty Meth said: "The patients' group wanted to salute the memory of a great doctor and friend who took great personal care for us, far beyond the call of normal duty.

"We remember how Dr Mukhopadhyay took great personal interest in every one of us. He looked after us so well. He cared for so many families in Enfield. He will be remembered with affection, by us all."

The surgery established in 1995 now cares for around 7,000 patients. In an emotional speech, Dr Mukhopadhyay's daughter Sam thanked everyone who had attended. She said: "Thank you to everyone who is here. I know dad considered you more than just patients but as friends too. What a dad he was. This practice was his life.

"When he retired, he missed his patients and colleagues so much. He championed fair access and flexibility for all and I really hope that going forward these continue to be a priority."

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# Diversity grant

## Edmonton theatre receives £98,000 from Arts Council

Face Front Inclusive Theatre is among 45 diversity-led organisations to receive £4.3million in funding from Arts Council England.

Local organisations are being funded through the Arts Council's 'Elevate' programme in a move to enhance the diversity of the arts and cultural sector –

and the Edmonton-based charity is set to receive £98,000.

Face Front Inclusive Theatre will develop its financial, digital and staff resilience through

the introduction of a new business model. This will support increased income opportunities, improved training and professional development for staff and artists, as well as a new month-long festival to raise the profile of Inclusive arts.

Ray Downing, artistic director, said: "Face Front is incredibly chuffed to have been awarded Elevate funding from Arts Council England. This exciting opportunity will support our existing work as well as create opportunities with new partnerships.

"We remain committed to using the transformational power of theatre to improve emotional wellbeing and address social injustice."

Joyce Wilson from Arts Council England added: "Nurturing and supporting diverse talent is one of the most important roles that we have. It is essential that we empower under-represented voices, ensuring that their creative endeavours are an essential part of this country's outstanding cultural provision.

"I'm excited to see Face Front Inclusive Theatre flourish with the support of Elevate and hope that it provides them with the strong foundation they need to create amazing work."

**For more information about Face Front Inclusive Theatre:**

Visit [facefront.org](http://facefront.org)



Face Front Inclusive Theatre is a charity based in Edmonton Green creating accessible theatre and touring its innovative shows across the UK

## Help us bring change

### Jo Johnson from Love Your Doorstep sees plenty of community spirit in Enfield

This year is the ninth year of Love Your Doorstep and our plans for 2020 are in full swing.

In January we held a public meeting regarding youth crime. It was a really positive meeting with the focus on solutions and prevention. The Dugdale Centre was packed and it was wonderful to hear from so many inspiring people. It was also great to hear from the panel, made up of various key members of the community. We really hope that together, we are going to bring about change, and not just short-term solutions.

We currently have community patrols in two different parts of Enfield, but these can't run without the support of our members who volunteer their time. If you want to join us we would love to hear from you.

This year we also want to reach out to even more businesses and support their ventures. We love helping new businesses get off the ground with promoting themselves and spreading the word about their products and services. It's really rewarding to work with a business from the early days of starting out and see hard work paying off when they become well known and successful among the community.

Valentine's Day is coming up. Yes, you can argue that it's an overly commercialised date on the retail calendar, but we like any excuse to urge people to shop local and support the local economy while doing so. We have some beautifully stocked local independent gift shops such as Déjà Vu in Enfield, Ruby Blu at the Dugdale and Tinker Tailor in Bush Hill Park. They are just some of the places you can have a browse and pick up gifts and cards off the shelf and, if needed, get some help from a friendly shop owner.

If you're looking for ideas for a Valentine's night out, the 'Come Mek We Larf' comedy show at Millfield Theatre guarantees fantastic entertainment. Resistance Comedy, the Dugdale's new regular comedy night, is also taking place on Friday 14th February, while Chickenshed Theatre is hosting a series of theatrical monologues between Tuesday 11th and Saturday 22nd February, including Valentine's Day.

**For more information about Love Your Doorstep:**  
Visit [loveyourdoorstep.co.uk](http://loveyourdoorstep.co.uk)

# Heritage fund deadline

## Chance for local people to win money for their projects

BY SIMON ALLIN,  
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

People are being given more time to come up with ideas for projects that will preserve and celebrate the borough's heritage.

The council wants community groups to submit ideas that could be in with a chance of winning money from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Enfield is one of 13 areas in which the fund wants to increase spending and address what it calls an "under-representation in heritage". According to the fund's website, heritage

"can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations". Examples include oral history, cultural traditions, historic buildings and nature. In June last year, Enfield Council adopted a new five-year strategy setting out how the borough's heritage will be managed.

It details how the local authority will preserve the historic buildings, parks and other heritage assets in the borough as pressure for new developments continues to grow. The original deadline for submitting heritage

projects was 15th January, but it has now been extended to Friday 14th February.

**"We will use your ideas to help tailor support"**

People are being asked to email their ideas to [heritage@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:heritage@enfield.gov.uk) and mark their messages 'call for projects'. The council says: "We will use

your ideas to help the Heritage Fund tailor its support in Enfield, to identify possible collaboration and try to avoid duplication of project ideas."

**For more information:**

Visit [new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/heritage-strategy](http://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/heritage-strategy)

Andrea at last year's Sophia's Diary Awards



# Date for the diary

*Sophia's Diary founder Andrea Krase on what inspired her to launch an online platform for parents*

After having my second child, I found it harder finding things that would please both my children together – and which were also affordable.

I did many online searches but often turned up to groups that were not running any more, or my children did not enjoy. I had the idea of logging all my real, first-hand mummy findings and fantastic things to do as a 'diary'. I built and launched a website on my own and showcased them publicly on social media to parents so they gained an insight before they spent money. Wouldn't this also help small independent local businesses too?

Four years on, Sophia's Diary (named after my daughter) has 32,500 annual online visitors, a family-focused magazine distributed to 10,000 families, plus

more than 8,000 followers on various social media channels. Feedback from users has provided me with so much happiness. Parents often state that their child now has a new hobby, they had a fantastic weekend, or their child had the best birthday party thanks to one of our party planners. They use Sophia's Diary to find what they need.

From a business perspective, we are an extremely affordable platform. Free monthly events are organised for members to meet and forge relationships. Opportunities and long-term collaborations have been formed.

The biggest event of the year is our awards night. The purpose is to celebrate success and hard work. At our 2019 event more than 17,000 people voted and our winners were presented

their awards in front of the 220 people who attended. The best moment of the evening was when David Taylor, the founder of brain tumour charity In Sue's Name, was presented with an award by Mayor of Enfield Kate Anolue for 'member of the year'. He is such a passionate and hard-working man, determined to raise £1million after losing his daughter. The event raised £800 for In Sue's Name and Haven House Children's Hospice.

I truly love the community I have set up through Sophia's Diary; helping local parents, businesses, schools and charities. Our only goal is for this to continue!

**For more information about Sophia's Diary:**

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# LISTINGS

## Submit your listing

We can include low-cost community events taking place in Enfield. For next month's listings, email the details of your event to [enfielddispatch@socialspider.com](mailto:enfielddispatch@socialspider.com) by **Tuesday 18th February**.

## ART

### Life Drawing Class

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## COMEDY

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## CINEMA

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#### 'Life is Sweet'

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## Safety cameras for A10

BY SIMON ALLIN,  
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Safety cameras will be installed along a major Enfield road to crack down on speeding and dangerous driving.

A system of permanent safety cameras will be fitted along the A10 by the end of the year, Transport for London (TfL) has confirmed.

It is hoped the measure will put a stop to street racers and other dangerous drivers following a string of accidents on the road, which runs from the M25 in the north of the borough to Haringey in the south.

TfL will roll out a system of temporary speed cameras along a stretch of road from Bullsmoor Lane to Southbury Road, during the spring. It is currently designing a permanent safety camera system to be put in place later in the year.

Police launched a crackdown on dangerous driving on the A10 in May 2019, which led to 41 arrests, 66 vehicle seizures and more than 900 drivers reported for excessive speed – the highest recorded was

127mph.

With police resources under strain, however, Labour and Conservative councillors called for average speed cameras to be installed on the A10 as a permanent deterrent. While there are several ordinary speed cameras along a section of the road, these are clearly marked and unable to catch drivers who speed up once they are out of range.

TfL said it could not yet confirm whether the permanent safety measures would be average speed cameras or a different solution. The police operation will continue until the temporary speed cameras are up and running. Detective Superintendent Andy Cox, from the roads and transport policing command, said he was “fully supportive” of the cameras.

Joanne McCartney, the London Assembly member for Enfield, visited the A10 last month and said: “I first asked about cameras in 2007 and since then I’ve regularly raised it with TfL and the mayor of London.

“There has been racing up and down here for a number of years.

We’ve had complaints from residents about the noise, about not being able to sleep, so I’ve been regularly raising it. I’m really glad TfL finally agreed to put cameras back along this stretch of road.”

Deputy Mayor of London for Transport Heidi Alexander said a “very strong case” had been made locally about the need for cameras. She added: “The mayor is committed to a ‘Vision Zero’ target – we don’t think any death or injury on London’s roads is acceptable – and reducing speed is part of that bigger piece of work to make roads safer.

“People have been killed here. It creates quite a hostile environment for people and I’m really pleased we are going to get these cameras.”

Council leader Nesil Caliskan said: “This will make the roads safer, Enfield safer, and I think it will make a more pleasant environment for residents. Speeding isn’t just about the danger that’s created, but also fumes and the noise, and I think it will give people confidence that it is a safe environment.”



Council leader Nesil Caliskan, London Assembly member Joanne McCartney and deputy mayor Heidi Alexander survey the scene on the A10

## Call to rethink cycling schemes



Members of both NFBUK and Enfield Town Residents Association handed in their petition to Downing Street

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

Campaigners against ‘shared space’ cycling schemes in Enfield have again petitioned the government, taking their message to the door of 10 Downing Street.

Members from the National Federation of the Blind UK (NFBUK) and Enfield Town Residents Association (ETRA) travelled to Westminster last month, having previously submitted similar petitions last

year before Boris Johnson became prime minister.

Andrew Hodgson, NFBUK president, has spent the past decade raising concerns about shared-space cycling schemes which he says have adversely affected many blind, partially-sighted, disabled and vulnerable pedestrians. He said: “We do not want to share space with moving vehicles on the road and with cyclists on the pavement or when trying to get on and off the bus.

“We simply want our pavements back, our green-man pedestrian crossings back, and we want direct access to public transport back. We want to be able to walk in safety and we want to reclaim our pavements.”

NFBUK claims many shared-space schemes, such as those installed by Enfield Council along the A105 between Palmers Green and Enfield Town, have failed to include accessible features that allow blind and partially-sighted people to use them safely and independently.

In 2018 the government wrote to local authorities in England asking for shared space cycling schemes to be “paused” amid concerns from disability groups, but this guidance came after the council’s Green Lanes cycling scheme had already been installed.

NFBUK now wants existing schemes to undergo “urgent remediation”. Its petition is supported by 200 UK organisations – including ETRA, Enfield Transport User Group and Enfield Vision.

Another petition, focusing on problems in Enfield, was submitted to 10 Downing Street by ETRA members, including association chair Linda Miller and partially-sighted residents Gilly Ostacchini and June Weenen.

Linda said: “We are petitioning the prime minister, alongside NFBUK. Our petition sets out evidence of the dangers many of these new road layouts present for blind, disabled and vulnerable people – people who should by rights be protected by the Equality Act. None of these situations could have occurred if planners and funders had been properly

held to account.”

A council spokesperson said: “Enfield Council is fully committed to equality in everything we do, which includes the delivery of our healthy streets projects. We welcome constructive dialogue with key stakeholders and Enfield Council officers met with both Enfield Disability Action and Enfield Vision, among others, towards the end of 2019. We will continue these conversations as projects are developed. Enfield Council has no existing schemes or future proposals where motor vehicles and pedestrians use shared space.

“Enfield Town Residents Association is one of many community groups that is a member of the new Enfield Town Consultative Group. This group was formed by Enfield Council last year to help build constructive relationships. Our wide-ranging community engagement work for the project in Enfield Town has shown that creating accessible environments is a priority for many people. We are committed to delivering this through our work to design healthy streets that are fit for the future.”

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
London Borough of Enfield  
**NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF AN AREA FOR ADDITIONAL LICENSING**  
Section 56, Housing Act 2004

The London Borough of Enfield ("The Council") in exercise of its powers under section 56 of the Housing Act 2004 ("the Act") hereby designates the entire area of its district, as subject to Additional Licensing as described at paragraph 4. The designation applies to all Houses in Multiple Occupation ("HMOs") that are occupied under a tenancy or a licence as described at paragraph 4.

**CITATION, COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION**

1. This designation will be known as The London Borough of Enfield Designation of an Area for Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation 2020. The Designation is made on 22 January 2020 and shall come into force on 1 September 2020<sup>1</sup>.
2. The designation shall cease to have effect on 31 August 2025 (not more than five years) or earlier if the Authority revokes the scheme under section 84 of the Act.

**AREA TO WHICH THE DESIGNATION APPLIES**

3. This designation shall apply to the entire area of the London Borough of Enfield as delineated and edged red on the map in Annex A below.

**APPLICATION OF THE DESIGNATION**

4. The designation applies to all Houses in Multiple Occupation ("HMOs") as defined by section 254 of the Act that are occupied by 3 or more persons comprising 2 or more households as defined in Annex B, within the area described at paragraph 1 unless:
  - a. the house is an HMO that falls within the nationally prescribed category of HMO that is required to be licensed as a 'mandatory HMO' under section 55(2)(a) Part 2 of the Act<sup>2</sup>;
  - b. the house is subject to an Interim or Final Management Order under Part 4 of the Act;
  - c. the house is subject to a temporary exemption under section 62 of the Act;
  - d. The house is an HMO that is a building or part of a building that is not an HMO for the purposes of licensing under Part 2 of the Act<sup>3</sup> as defined in Annex C/ Schedule 14 of the Act; or
  - e. it is a building converted into self-contained flats but does not meet the standards of conversion required by the Building Regulations 1991, and where less than two thirds of the flats are owner occupied to which Section 257 of the Housing Act 2004 applies

**EFFECT OF THE DESIGNATION**

5. Subject to sub paragraphs 4(a) to (e) above, every HMO of the description specified in that paragraph in the area specified in paragraph 3 shall be required to be licensed under section 61 of the Act.
6. The designation falls within a description of designations in relation to which the Secretary of State has issued a General Approval under section 58 of the Act, namely, The Housing Act 2004: Licensing of Houses of Multiple Occupation and Selective Licensing of Other Residential Accommodation (England) General Approval 2015 which came into force on 1 April 2015.
7. The London Borough of Enfield will comply with the notification requirements contained in Section 59 of the Act and shall maintain a register of all houses registered under this designation, as required under section 232 of the Act<sup>4</sup>.

If you are a landlord, managing agent or a tenant, or if you require information regarding this designation, or to apply for a licence, further information and assistance is available from the Council's Private Rented Property Licensing Team by email on PRSH@enfield.gov.uk, or by telephone on 020 3821 1761 or by writing to Private Rented Property Licensing Team, London Borough of Enfield, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, Middx, EN1 3XH. The Designation may be inspected at the above address during office hours.

All landlords, managing agents or tenants within the designated area should obtain advice to ascertain whether their property is affected by the Designation by contacting the Council's Private Rented Property Licensing Team.

Upon the Designation coming into force any person who operates a licensable property without a licence or allows a licensed property to be occupied by more households or persons other than as authorised by a licence, is liable to prosecution and upon summary conviction is liable to an unlimited fine pursuant to the provisions of section 72 of the Housing Act 2004. A person who breaches a condition of a licence is liable upon summary conviction to an unlimited fine. The Council, as an alternative to initiating a prosecution, may pursue one or more of a range of other enforcement actions including the imposition of a financial penalty of up to £30,000 and/or taking management control of the unlicensed HMO. Further, where an offence has been committed an application may also be made by the Council and/or tenant under the provisions of section 73 and 74 of the Housing Act 2004 for a Rent Repayment Order to pay back up to 12 months' rent, Housing Benefit or Universal Credit.

Signed

Portfolio holder and elected Cabinet Member

For and on behalf of London Borough of Enfield

23 January 2020

**Annex B: HMOs to which this designation applies [subject to paragraph 4 above]**

Please see Section 254(1) of the Housing Act 2004, except the designation does not apply to HMOs described in Section 254(1)(e) - converted blocks of flats to which section 257 applies.

**Annex C: Buildings which are not HMOs for purposes of this designation.**

Please see Schedule 14 of the Housing Act 2004.

- 1 Subject to any decision made if called in to Enfield Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 2 Section 55 of the Act defines which Houses in Multiple Occupation are required to be licensed under the Act. See also The Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Prescribed Descriptions) (England) Order 2005 (SI 2006/371)
- 3 Schedule 14 Housing Act 2004 describes the buildings that are not HMOs other than for the purpose of Part 1 [HHSRS]
- 4 Section 232 of the Act and paragraph 11 of SI 373/2006

**Annex A: Map of additional licensing designation showing boundary in RED**



## AROUND THE BOROUGH

### BRIMSDOWN

## Award for deaf teacher



Brimsdown Primary School teacher Alysha Allen with her pupils

A DEAF TEACHER HAS BEEN commended for her “outstanding contribution to teaching”.

Alysha Allen impressed judges at the Teacher of the Year Awards with her ability to inspire children at Brimsdown Primary School. She teaches pupils using British Sign Language (BSL) and lip reading, with many becoming fluent as a result.

Alysha picked up the Special Contribution Award at the ceremony hosted by Maths Hub London North East, a programme involving around 600 schools which helps to lead improvement in mathematics.

Deputy head Eleanor Painter, who nominated Alysha, said: “The children absolutely love learning sign language. It creates a really inclusive environment at the school.”

### CLAY HILL

## Council admits Whitewebbs mistakes

ENFIELD COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR of property admitted the local authority's marketing of a lease for Whitewebbs Park “had not helped” allay people's concerns.

An early advertisement of the council's offer to lease Whitewebbs Park Golf Course and “adjoining land” to commercial bidders said it might be suitable for storing “inert material” – suggesting it could become a landfill dump. However, Mark Bradbury told a Green Belt Forum meeting last month that

this would not happen: “We accept the marketing literature and early communications have not helped with the concerns the public have held.... We will not allow proposals that involve landfill.”

Eighteen commercial bids to run the struggling council-owned golf course have now been received and are said to include “a wide variety of leisure and environmentally sustainable uses” – including retention of golf. More than 100 people packed last month's meeting, with

many concerned over the fate of the ancient woodland that has been included in the lease offer.

Asked why the woodland had been tacked on to the golf course lease, Mark explained: “We included the woodland because there has been a lack of investment in maintaining the biodiversity and the footpaths there. We are looking at how a better financial proposal could support the biodiversity.”

The council's preferred bidder will be revealed in April.

### GORDON HILL

## Bus stop

A NEW BUS STOP AT CHASE Farm Hospital is improving access to public transport for patients, visitors and staff.

Previously the W8 and W9 buses stopped a quarter-of-a-mile from the newly-rebuilt hospital entrance, but they now stop only a few metres away.

A patient shuttle service that had been in operation to help transport people to the hospital has now ceased.

### WINCHMORE HILL

## Equal marriage appeal

WINCHMORE HILL UNITED Reformed Church wants to become the first mainstream Christian church in Enfield to host same-sex marriages.

The church in Compton Road announced its intention to host gay marriages, which have been legal for six years, but is appealing for money to improve its facilities to the standards required. At present it is unregistered for any

type of marriage.

Reverend Melanie Smith said: “We believe in a church that welcomes all and that same-sex couples are blessings to their communities. We have a strong sense that our community would love to see our church host equal marriage and would be willing to help achieve our fundraising target.”

Donate at [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/loveandequalmarriage](http://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/loveandequalmarriage)

### ANGEL EDMONTON

## Estate rebuild pledges

MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE proposed redevelopment of Joyce Avenue and Snell's Park estates have been revealed.

Residents attended an exhibition of early plans for the £770million scheme, which they will soon be asked to vote on in a regeneration ballot. They have been promised that they will be offered a new home on the rebuilt estate if they want one; the first homes will be built before anyone is asked to move house; every resident will move directly from their current to

their new home; that “better estate design and layout of green spaces” will reduce crime and anti-social behaviour; and the Florence Hayes centre and recreation ground will be improved.

At a recent council meeting Enfield Council leader Nesil Caliskan defended the cost of developing plans. She said: “The £4m will pay for detailed work that is necessary... the people on that estate deserve to live in decent housing.”

More information is available at [joyceandsnells.co.uk](http://joyceandsnells.co.uk)



### COCKFOSTERS

## Station car park plans revealed

BY SIMON ALLIN,  
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

DESIGNS HAVE BEEN REVEALED for the proposed blocks of flats at Cockfosters Station.

Connected Living London (CLL) – a partnership between Transport for London (TfL) and developer Grainger – wants to build up to 370 homes on the tube station's car park, in four blocks up to 14 storeys tall. Forty percent of the new homes would be classed as 'affordable'.

While parking spaces for blue badge holders would be retained under the plans, the remaining car park space would be built on. The build-to-rent scheme – one of several housing projects planned for tube stations across London – was first announced in June last year and has since attracted significant local controversy. More than 2,300 people have signed a petition set up by Cockfosters Local Area Residents Association (Clara) calling for the development to be stopped.

The main concern is the impact upon commuters who travel to the station by car. Surveys carried out by TfL show three-quarters of people who use Cockfosters Station car park travel in from outside the M25, with less than a fifth coming from Enfield and Barnet. Around 95% of car park users have a rail station closer to their home than Cockfosters and TfL claims the development would cut down on car journeys. It would also provide new public spaces, trees and greenery, as well as improving pedestrian access to nearby Trent Park.

Ben Tate, head of build-to-rent at TfL, said the development “will provide hundreds of new homes that the capital desperately needs”. He added: “The homes are being specifically designed to provide housing for those who wish to rent rather than buy, helping meet a growing demand.”

Local people can have their say on the plans at [givemyview.com/cockfosters](http://givemyview.com/cockfosters). The scheme will need approval by Enfield Council before work can begin.

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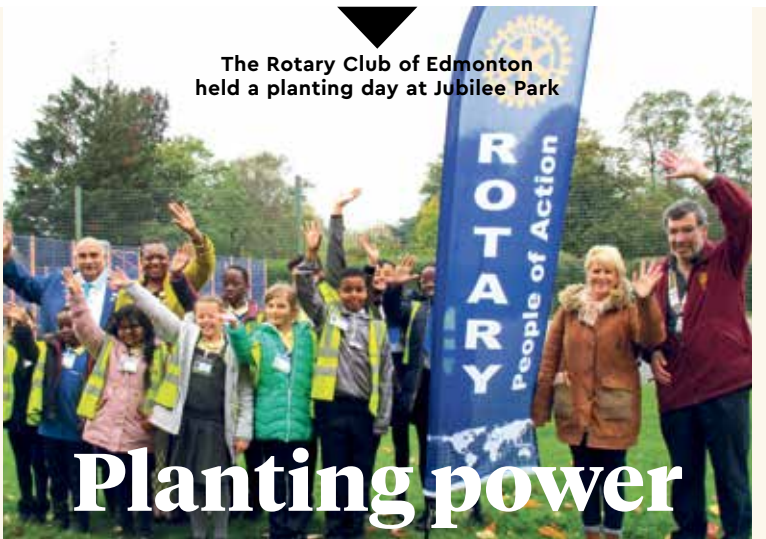
Financial fears 'misunderstanding'

BY SIMON ALLIN,  
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Fears raised on social media over Enfield Council’s finances are based on a “misunderstanding” – despite a report warning of a deficit and “significant risks”. A report by the council’s external auditor, BDO, says there is “a risk that the council may not be financially sustainable in the medium term”. It says the council is forecasting an £8.9million deficit in 2019/20, which is a “deterioration in financial performance compared to the original forecast of breakeven”. The report flags up eight “significant risks” to the council, including the 10,000-home Meridian Water regeneration scheme, alongside two “normal risks”. But at a meeting of the audit and risk management committee last month, councillors were told fears over the council’s finances raised by people commenting on the report in a Facebook group were based on

a misunderstanding. Fay Hammond, the council’s executive director of resources, said: “On social media, there have been inaccurate or misleading reports around our financial position. I don’t think people who have read it understand the report properly. “What they’ve done is misinterpreted your [the auditor’s] comments to say we are in a financially difficult position... I wanted to make it absolutely clear that we are in a financially sustainable and robust position, and the council is effectively financially managed.” David Eagles, audit partner at BDO, said: “This is a risk assessment. It is not a conclusion about where we think you are. It is just saying the areas we need to look at.” It was also pointed out that although “service overspend is £8.9m” the council’s quarter two report also listed “under-spends in corporate and contingency”, meaning its actual deficit was £5.9m. But Charith Gunwardena, a

Labour councillor on the committee, pointed out the report said the council may not be financially viable over the medium term. “That is still quite worrying,” he said. “That is important for us to understand a bit more, if there are those risks... over the next five years there is a savings gap of £66m.” Dinah Barry, another Labour committee member, said she felt “alarmed” when she read the report and called for clarification for members of the public. “To be told it is not an accurate interpretation – it is not an interpretation; it is written down in black and white”. Committee vice-chair Tim Leaver said: “This is a document produced by our auditors. It identifies the risks, and anything that has been in the public domain on social media has been taken utterly out of context. “I think the more fundamental question we should be asking is: ‘Is this plan deliverable and will we get the audit on time?’”



The Rotary Club of Edmonton is donating 8,000 purple crocus corms for planting in local parks and schools. The flowers have become a symbol of the worldwide campaign to end polio – a preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of the world today. Three-quarters of the donated crocuses are set to be planted at Jubilee Park, while the remainder are going to Forty Hall Primary School. Club president Pat Clarke said: “Our aim is to help raise public awareness and help educate our children and finally eradicate this terrible disease.” Since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 30 years ago, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9%, from about 350,000 cases a year to just 37 cases in 2016. Rotary has also committed to raising \$50million per year over the next two years in support of global polio eradication efforts. Visit [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) for more information.



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# Mo latest Towner to go pro

## Striker follows long line of ex-players now playing professionally



Mo Faal has signed for League One club Bolton Wanderers Credit Tom Scott

BY ANDREW WARSHAW

What do Rian McLean, Corey Whitely, Josh Davison and Mo Faal all have in common?

Those who follow Enfield Town FC will know that they all played for the club, but perhaps more significantly, they have all gone on to sign professional terms with league teams several divisions higher.

Faal is the latest name to make the move to the professional ranks, switching in January to Bolton Wanderers, four steps higher in the footballing pyramid, after regularly banging in the goals for the Towners and drawing a succession of scouts at both home and away games.

Everyone connected with Enfield Town was disappointed to see Mo go, such was his special ability, but everyone likewise wished him well. It was pretty clear from the outset that he could easily play at a higher level and his departure once again highlighted the extent to which the club manages to identify stars in the making and nurture them accordingly.

Back in 2016, under a previous management regime, Whitely moved to Dagenham and Redbridge and is now on Newport County's books, though currently on loan at Bromley. As for the other two, McLean swapped

Enfield for Doncaster Rovers a year ago while Davison last October sealed a dream move to Charlton Athletic after playing for Enfield as a teenager, making his first-team debut just a week after signing for the League One club.

Enfield fans may rue the loss of such talents but it's a huge testament to the club that they manage to

uncover these gems in the first place. Some come through the non-league ranks, others who have initially failed to make the professional grade are given a second chance. The message? Come to Enfield Town if you want to put yourself in the shop window.

Enfield Town vice-chairman Paul Millington told the *Dispatch*: "The management team we have in place under Andy Leese probably don't get the credit they deserve,

identifying these types of players and providing the necessary coaching to improve them and making them attractive propositions to professional clubs."

The big downside is that the club, despite all its efforts in nurturing players, does not receive a single

penny if those who move on were not on contract. Sadly, it's a fact of life at

non-league level. Even when they are on contract, clubs unwilling to pay a fee will invariably wait until such deals end in the summer before swooping.

"It can be very frustrating," says Paul who, like many others, would like the system tweaked so that some kind of compensation can be paid, perhaps based on a sliding scale. Sadly it's unlikely to happen, much to the detriment of clubs like Enfield Town.

***"It can be very frustrating"***

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