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Gove urged to help Enfield's homeless

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

The government is coming under pressure to help Enfield Council resolve its huge homelessness crisis – thought to be one of the most acute in the whole country.

Secretary of State Michael Gove, who leads the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, was challenged in the House of Commons by Edmonton MP Kate Osamor to assist homeless families in Enfield, where the scale of the problem is attracting national media attention.

Last month the *Dispatch* revealed more than 100 Enfield families with children have been living in hotels beyond the government's own six-week legal limit for this type of temporary accommodation.

It also emerged that the cost of paying hotel bills for around 350 families in total was now £850,000

per month and was set to blow a £20m hole in the council's annual budget. But while the council is now attempting to reduce this by moving such families "outside south-east England" where "accommodation is affordable" it remains unclear how much of an impact this will have.

Kate Osamor told Gove in parliament: "There are hundreds of families in my constituency living for months on end in hotels as they can no longer afford to rent and the council has no suitable temporary accommodation left. Local authorities currently don't have the powers or funding they need to tackle the crisis. So will the secretary of state confirm how is he going to change that and give councils like Enfield the resources they need to end this hotel crisis?"

Gove acknowledged there were "too many people in temporary accommodation" and said he would "look at the challenges that Enfield

Council faces in terms of the delivery of housing, including affordable housing for the vulnerable families that she champions".

The *Dispatch* approached Gove's department for an update before going to press but received no response.

The council itself has frequently called for government help, with cabinet member for housing George Savva blaming the freeze since 2020 of the Local Housing Allowance, which sets benefit levels. He added: "The government has failed to develop a plan for housebuilding across the country and despite high numbers of affordable houses being delivered across London by councils, demand is outstripping supply [...] our lobbying of the government to urgently address the rental and housing crises will continue."

The council has failed to meet its annual housebuilding target for several years. Last month it also emerged that 23 homes on a

development built on council-owned land at Bury Street West had failed to sell, meaning the council hadn't generated the surplus needed to provide affordable housing on the site.

Enfield North MP Feryal Clark echoed calls for the government to intervene. In response to a *Dispatch* report on a family with quadruplets living in a hotel for four months (see Page 2) Feryal said: "Sadly, this issue has become alarmingly frequent."

"Enfield has the highest rate of Section 21 evictions in London, yet the government has been indecisive and delayed vital legislation for far too long."

"It is families in Enfield, like this heartbreaking story, who are paying the awful price for this."

"I have raised this issue in parliament and personally written to the minister on this matter. There is not enough suitable housing in Enfield and not enough protection for families."



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Tracey Britten with her four children at Finchley Travelodge



Homeless family with quadruplets left to live in hotel for four months

Tracey Britten and her four kids were given an eviction notice last year

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

Quadruplets aged four have been living with their mother in a Travelodge hotel for three times the legal limit after the family were evicted from their Enfield Town property.

Tracey Britten and her children Grace, Fredrica, Francesca and George have been living at Finchley Travelodge since the end of February – a total of 18 weeks and far beyond the government's six-week legal limit for housing families in bed-and-breakfast (B&B) style temporary accommodation.

The family were evicted from their four-bedroom rental home in Tenniswood Road by their landlord, using a Section 21 (no fault) eviction notice, despite him telling them "they couldn't have been better tenants".

Tracey and husband Stephen, who works full-time as a roofer, have searched for over a year for a new home with four, three or even two bedrooms, but have been unable to find somewhere affordable.

"I only picked winter clothes

[to bring to the Travelodge] because I thought there was no way they would leave me in a hotel with four kids for this long," Tracey told the *Dispatch* last month.

"I have been looking for somewhere to live since April 2022 but the moment something goes up for rent it is gone. I have been to about five or six viewings – I think I am being discriminated against because I've got four kids.

"The council has not even sent me any viewings. They won't allow us to move to a two-bed house, but they allow us to sleep in one room with all the kids in a hotel."

Tracey has to drive for 45 minutes from Finchley to Enfield Town to get the quadruplets to their nursery school each day. They are due to start at St Andrew's Primary School in September.

At the hotel, the family have been given a second room to use but because the kids are only four years old and the other room is further down the corridor, Tracey sleeps in the same room with them. Husband Stephen is staying

with his mother but sees the family regularly and takes the kids out when he's not working.

George has been diagnosed with autism and there have been incidents where he's gone missing in the hotel, as the room doors are easy for him to unlock from the inside. Tracey said: "He could have an accident or get snatched. We are on a main road. Twice someone has brought him up from downstairs. Once he went missing for ages and I found him on the stairs."

Since moving to the hotel Tracey and Stephen have been paying several hundred pounds a month to store their possessions. Eating healthy food is also difficult without cooking facilities and takeaways – such as pizza, chips and kebabs – are the norm.

Tracey herself suffers from mental health issues and frequent back pain. Her ex-husband died in December around the time she was facing eviction. "I had to plan a funeral while I was waiting for bailiffs to throw us out," she said. "I told the council I can't take it any more."

Tracey said she has "not had a single call from the council" since the family were moved to the hotel. She now worries about the long-term impact on her children. "They say 'mummy, when are you finding us a new house?'"

"I only brought winter clothes because I thought there was no way they would leave me in a hotel with four kids for this long"

Cop jailed

A former police officer based in Enfield and Haringey has been jailed following his conviction for sexual assault against a colleague while on duty.

Archit Sharma, who was attached to the Metropolitan Police's north area command unit, was convicted of sexual assault at Wood Green Crown Court in March. He resigned four days later.

On Friday, 9th June at the same court, Sharma was sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment and placed on the Sex Offenders Register for ten years.

An allegation that PC Sharma had sexually assaulted a colleague while both were on duty was made on 7th December 2020. Following an investigation, he was charged on 28th July 2021.

Detective Chief Superintendent Caroline Haines, responsible for local policing in Enfield and Haringey, said: "Former PC Sharma's behaviour was abhorrent. His actions were a betrayal of our policing values."

Cattle ready

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Parts of Forty Hall Estate will be "overtaken" by "beasts" under Enfield Council's plans to introduce grazing cattle, Conservatives councillors warned.

The opposition group said the animals could pose a safety risk and put people off visiting the historic estate – despite council chiefs' attempts to reassure them the "docile" breed would be carefully managed to avoid harm.

Plans to introduce red poll cattle at Forty Hall Estate and Trent Park were announced by the council last year, and a twelve-month trial scheme was set to be launched in early July. It's hoped the animals will help manage grassland and boost biodiversity.

But the Tories urged a re-think at an overview and scrutiny committee, claiming the grazing herds would reduce public access to Forty Hall – although they did not oppose the introduction of cattle to Trent Park.

Reece Fox, who led the call-in, told the meeting he and his Whitewebbs ward colleagues believed the plan was "not safe". In response, council parks director Cheryl Headon said officers had been advised by specialists that the red poll is "the more docile [breed] of cow and the best type to use for this". She added they had a "robust project plan and risk assessments".

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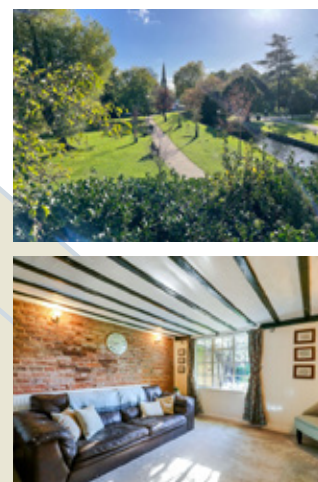
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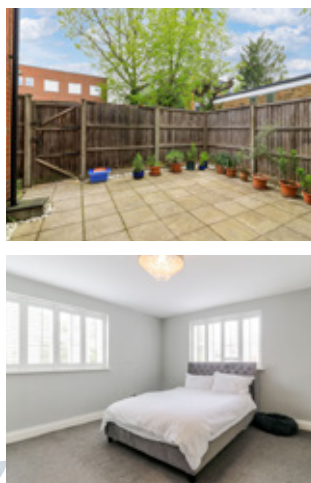
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Taking the kids down to paradise

Peter Kessler on why local Rotary clubs arranged a day trip for Enfield pupils to visit a wildlife park last month



Paradise Wildlife Park in Broxbourne boasts zebras, lions and red pandas



The second Wednesday in June is a red-letter day in the Rotary calendar. On or around that day, an event takes place called 'Kids Out' when Rotary clubs up and down the

country organise day trips for local disadvantaged children, usually to the seaside, a theme park, or to some local attraction.

The Rotary Club of Edmonton is no exception, and on 13th June this

year we descended on Paradise Wildlife Park in Broxbourne, along with over 280 children from Durants, Russet House and West Lea schools in Enfield, accompanied by teachers and carers. Also at the park were our friends from the Rotary clubs of Enfield Chase and Bush Hill Park, who were hosting children from Waverley and Oaktree schools respectively.

The day was a great success in spite of delayed arrivals caused by traffic problems. The weather was perfect, and judging by the excited chatter and the happy smiling faces, the kids were clearly having a whale of a time. For us in Rotary, seeing the children enjoying themselves makes the effort involved in making it all happen totally worthwhile. After a packed lunch in a shady picnic area, it was back to the coaches for the return to school in time for the end of the school day.

Our annual Kids Out trip to Paradise Wildlife Park is a great example of how Rotary operates, providing funding or people power for projects to assist other charities and good causes. Apart from the packed lunches, all the costs are borne by Rotary, financed out of our fundraising activities throughout the year, with additional funds from the Kids Out charity, with which Rotary has strong connections.

The Kids Out charity runs another project at Christmas, to deliver a box of brand new toys and games to children who have been rehoused due to domestic violence. All the toys are donated, and much of the work involved in sorting out the toys, packing them, and loading them onto a lorry for distribution is carried out by volunteers. This is an activity that members of Edmonton Rotary Club regularly take part in.

Our club welcomes volunteers too. You don't need to be a Rotary member to get involved, have fun and make a difference. Do contact us if you can spare a couple of hours of your time to help us with one of our projects or fundraising events.

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The design for the sculpture at Enfield Living Memorial



At the heart of the borough

Artist Joe Robinson explains the idea behind the Enfield Living Memorial and the latest plans for a new sculpture at its centre

The Enfield Living Memorial is a borough-wide community project aiming to provide a space to recognise collective bereavement, and to remember all those lost locally from or during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The project has been facilitated by a small group of community partners, led by the Soroptimist Club of Enfield, co-working with myself as a local artist.

Starting with 30 trees, planted in the shape of a heart, the project is moving to its second stage, with a permanent artwork in its centre. The design represents a phoenix, which

offers a symbol of loss and renewal. The sculpture's design is a triptych, cut in special steel. It will stand about two meters high. Work on it is now under way and the completed memorial will have a public opening in the autumn.

The completed memorial will create a place for personal

and collective reflection for everyone who visits the site. It aims to create a way to acknowledge loss and grief during one of the most traumatic events of our collective generation.

The site in Town Park was chosen after months of considering various public spaces in Enfield. The park stands at the very centre of our borough but importance was also given to nearby facilities, parking and easy public transport access from all parts of Enfield.

There were also practical limitations and technical issues of each space we looked at.

This project is reliant on funding

raised from the public and from organisations who wish to support it. The estimated budget for the whole project is around £23,000 and will also depend on the goodwill and 'in kind' support of various partners.

Find out more about the memorial and help contribute to the project:
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Criminals could 'exploit Enfield residents' after trading standards cuts

National body slams local authority over jobs cuts to team which investigates unfair trading and illegal business activity

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Cuts to Enfield Council's trading standards team risk endangering public safety and encouraging criminals, a professional body has warned.

The Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) slammed a decision by the council to slash the number of posts in the team from four officers to one, prompting the manager to resign in protest.

It says the cuts mean Enfield could soon become the first local authority in the UK without a trading standards service, leaving no-one responsible for enforcing a host of laws designed to protect consumers and business standards. The council claims it will maintain the team.

Trading standards teams investigate



unfair trading and illegal business activity. Last year, Enfield's service seized more than 28,000 packets of smuggled cigarettes, 14.5kg of smuggled tobacco and 1,300 vapes after investigating upwards of 1,200 complaints and enquiries.

CTSI chair Tendy Lindsay said: "Local trading

standards teams, including in Enfield, play a critical role in helping to tackle product safety issues, maintain food standards and combat illegal and unfair practices such as rogue traders, scams and doorstep crime.

"If Enfield Council goes ahead with these cuts, then we are deeply concerned that this

will send a signal to unscrupulous traders and criminal elements that the residents of Enfield are fair game for exploitation."

One of the key priorities of the civic centre's new council plan is to have strong, safe and healthy communities by tackling crime and antisocial behaviour. The CTSI said trading standards would play a "key role" in supporting this by enforcing more than 290 pieces of legislation, tackling problems such as the underage supply and sale of illicit vapes and protecting consumers from poor quality and unsafe products.

The professional body warned the cuts could be challenged in the courts by way of a judicial review.

Tendy added: "We would urge the council to reconsider this measure in the interests of their local residents' safety and wellbeing."

A council spokesperson said: "Enfield Council will maintain its trading standards team and will continue to protect residents and local businesses by ensuring a fair and safe trading environment.

"However, due to the ongoing budget challenge faced by all councils thanks to austerity, inflation and interest rate rises, we have had to make difficult structural changes to the team.

"We continue to urge the government to give councils the funding they need to invest in vital, frontline services."

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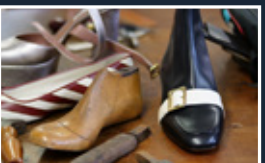
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We need to make outer London travel more sustainable

Centre for London researcher Zarin Mahmud on how travel in outer London needs to change

We all know that we're facing a climate change crisis. We also know that the way we travel can make a big difference. By walking, cycling, or taking public transport, we can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and congestion, while improving air quality.

But when the same journey takes ten minutes by car but over half-an-hour by public transport, it's easy to see how the less sustainable option can be the more attractive one. This is the reality for many of us living in outer London, where there are fewer reliable transport options.

The reality is that travelling sustainably is often difficult for us. Residents of inner London have a range of options available to them, with e-bikes, e-scooters, frequent buses and multiple tube stations densely packed in the centre of the city. But in outer London, the same level of infrastructure just doesn't exist, especially for local journeys.

In outer London, where more children,



The North Circular in Edmonton

families and older people live, a large proportion of people's journeys are local trips – to schools, local shops, and relatives' homes, among many others.

The gendered nature of caring responsibilities means that women generally make these more frequent, short trips throughout the day. In contrast, men tend to make fewer trips, typically long-distance journeys during peak hours. But urban planning in London has often focussed on transport networks that carry people into central London, reflecting a male bias.

As a result, outer Londoners are often left with limited attractive options to travel around their local areas. Infrequent and unreliable public transport options, and the

lack of safe crossing points, cycle lanes and shared transport options can prevent people in outer London from travelling in more sustainable ways around their local areas.

That's why many people in outer London are reliant on cars, even for short local trips. More than half of all car trips made in outer London are less than two miles in length – only ten minutes on a bike. Research commissioned by a Green member of the London Assembly found that nearly a quarter of outer Londoners feel forced to own a car (24%), compared to only 14% of people in inner London.

The reaction to the Ultra Low Emission Zone (Ulez) expansion in some outer London boroughs demonstrates how many people feel that they have no option but to

drive. Car dependency is more pronounced in outer London, with 69% of households owning or having access to a car, compared to 42% in inner London.

Acknowledging the differing travel needs and options available for people in outer London is essential to understanding how to enable more people to travel in more sustainable ways. That's why at Centre for London we wanted to research the issue. Our new report explores the ways in which sustainable travel can be supported in outer London. We're calling for national government to work with Transport for London and local authorities, providing the funding needed to improve the transport environment in outer London.

This includes installing better street lighting, more cycle lanes for local journeys, more space for cycle storage and better car club parking. To improve the public transport options that people have in outer London, we're calling for increased frequency of train services and a requirement to deliver new bus routes for new housing developments, so that people moving in have less need for a car.

Improving the options that people have to travel sustainably for local trips is at the heart of making London a more liveable city. And it might save you having to drive next time you need to make a short trip.

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Pupils raise £120 to help classmates revise

Two eleven-year-old girls from an Edmonton primary school raised money to buy more than 30 books for their classmates who couldn't afford them.

Amiah Jewel Peters-Hokee and Olivia Czygier from Churchfield Primary School were preparing for this year's SATs exams when they became worried that some of the children didn't have access to the revision guides to help them study.

Determined to ensure that no-one missed out, the girls spent hours baking cakes, brownies and cupcakes which they sold in a bake sale, raising £120 for the books.

Olivia explains: "Our SATs were coming up and the revision guides are really useful for studying. But



Fundraisers Amiah (left) and Olivia (right)

because of the cost-of-living crisis, some families didn't have the money to buy them and we didn't think it was fair that they were missing out.

"We put together a presentation for our teachers, explaining why we wanted to raise the money and how

we were going to do it, and then we organised bake sales and encouraged all of our classmates to get involved."

It's not the first time that the girls have organised their own campaign. Last year, Amiah led a fundraising drive to improve the school's outdoor space, rallying her friends to help organise events which made £300 to pay for paint and new equipment. The space has now been transformed into a colourful and vibrant spot for pupils to hang out.

Natalie Lorkins, headteacher at Churchfield Primary School, explains:

"We've been so impressed with the commitment that Amiah and Olivia have shown. Both of these campaigns came from the girls without any prompting and they worked really hard to prepare a detailed plan, which they presented brilliantly to our senior leadership team.

"The girls saw these ideas through from start to finish, organising events and raising money so that other children could benefit and we're extremely proud of them."

Nominate your heroes

Dispatch readers are welcome to nominate their own 'Edmonton Youth Hero' – an inspirational young person (16 or under) from Edmonton who has made a valuable contribution to their local community. Simply email your nomination to EnfieldDispatch@socialspider.com

Why I love representing Whitewebbs ward

In our latest councillor's column, Hannah Dyson reflects on her first year at Enfield Civic Centre

Time flies when you are having fun and the last year has been one of intense excitement and learning.

At 4am on 6th May 2022, I took the W8 bus home to Whitewebbs ward having been freshly elected along with David Skelton and Reece Fox. My bus journey presented an opportunity to reflect on such a momentous occasion and on my new responsibilities.

A 50-minute nap was all I needed to recharge, and a few hours later I attended the Friends of Gordon Hill gardening session led by Alison Yates, a hard-working volunteer and musician. Alison gave me a tour of the station; we discussed the work of the group as well as future plans.

I also enjoyed attending the outdoor cinema event *Singing In The Rain* and I was invited to the unveiling of a station map illustrated by artist Camilla Charnock in which I gave a speech, read my poem dedicated to the station – *Gordon Hill – That's Mr Hill To You* – and presented the framed maps to demonstrate my support for such a fantastic community group. My poem is now on display on Platform 2 waiting room.

I've since launched a petition calling on Network Rail and the government to provide disabled access at Gordon Hill Station

and for improved services on Great Northern trains.

I was delighted to take part in The Enfield Society's blue plaque trail and am now used to school groups standing outside my house learning about local history!

I was proud to attend Crews Hill Residents' Association's coronation party and it was fantastic to judge the children's fancy dress competition and see everyone enjoying Gillian's Riding School pony rides, egg-and-spoon races and singing with gusto to the Lavender Belles!

I've also been working with the chair of St John's Caravan Park on Theobalds Park Road on a number of issues such as missed bin collections, trees and council tax and, working with the Third Age Project, I've helped a disabled resident and their carer about to be evicted from their home.

Through my support for the Friends of Forty Hall group and their London In Bloom bid, I have learned all about flowering plants of typical 17th Century gardens, such as the giant thistle and agave Americana.

It has also presented an opportunity to address some of maintenance and process issues for the estate.

Forty Hall Estate has some extremely knowledgeable and passionate volunteers who are an asset to the community and are truly cherished. I relish walkabouts with Jo Ann Brown, Andrew Newman and council officers and I'm looking forward to the official opening of the pergola in the walled garden and for the ancient wall to be fixed in October.

Finally, it fills me with anger that Enfield Council can even consider leasing Whitewebbs Park to Tottenham Hotspur.

I am delighted that the community is fighting back with such veracity and seeking a judicial review. Exercising our writing, diplomacy and communication skills, Whitewebbs councillors drafted and presented opposition priority business on White-

webbs Park at a full council meeting and we will continue to fight alongside the community every step of the way.



Hannah Dyson was elected as a Conservative councillor for Whitewebbs ward in May 2022. Credit: Enfield Council

"I've attended ward surgeries, ward forums, litterpicks and walkabouts"

Over the last year, I've attended ward surgeries; ward forums; litterpicks; walkabouts at housing blocks such as Bliss

House, Purcell House and Manor Court; and meetings of Four Hills Residents Community Forum, Cape (Carers and Parents in Enfield), Crews Hill Residents' Association, Friends of Forty Hall and Bulls Cross Study Group, to listen to people's concerns.

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In bad taste

Dear Enfield Dispatch

I write with reference to Issue 57 of the *Dispatch*. It was heartening to read the update on page seven regarding fundraising efforts made by local people for the family of the young child involved in a tragic traffic accident in Winchmore Hill recently. The article ended with a request from the police for information regarding the accident.

But I was somewhat surprised on turning to the page to read an article co-authored by representatives of a campaign group, Better Streets for Enfield. The authors appear to have reached their own speculative conclusions regarding the circumstances of the accident.

While I respect the authors' right to express their views, I found the piece in poor taste in its promotion of an ideology and agenda given the circumstances of a terrible accident. It is also inappropriate while the police investigation is not yet concluded.

My thoughts are with the family and others directly involved, at this distressing time.

Sue Nosowicz
Winchmore Hill

Join WERA

Dear Enfield Dispatch

Western Enfield Residents Association (WERA) was conceived and founded by the residents of what was then Highlands ward in 1945 and, from an initial 60 subscribers, its membership grew to almost 1,000 households to become the largest independent association in Enfield.

After half-a-century, residents began to benefit from the development of the internet and mobiles, but the biggest change was brought by the pandemic, requiring a profound transformation to remain relevant and accessible. Our paper newsletters have disappeared and been replaced by paperless news. But much remains to be done and, while we welcome any new members, we especially need those with computer skills. Please get in touch if you can help by emailing stephen.elston@btinternet.com.

Tony Burton
Western Enfield Residents
Association

Not in my back yard

Dear Enfield Dispatch

I am really concerned about the latest development in the Cockfosters towers proposal. If Enfield Council had not completely failed in building the planned homes and businesses at Meridian Water – and they've had enough time and wasted enough taxpayers' money so far – then there would be absolutely no need to devastate other areas of the borough in their rush to find housing.

The lack of maintenance of several towers [in Edmonton] which now must be closed has meant that rehousing those residents is necessary – but this has been brought on by the council's own negligence and shouldn't mean other parts of the borough need to be radically altered and spoilt to support this.

Housing at Meridian Water won consent many years ago, including the services and infrastructure to support the scheme. Surely pressure should be put on the council to make good that development before any further building takes place across the borough?

Sue Woollard
Grange Park

Child poverty

Dear Enfield Dispatch

I was shocked to learn, via new research from the End Child Poverty Coalition, that in Edmonton there are 13,596 children living in poverty, which equals 40.3% of all children. Across the UK this figure is 29%.

It is concerning to me that UK children are growing up in homes where they go without meals, appropriate clothing or heating.

End Child Poverty Coalition are calling for an end to the two-child limit to benefit payments as part of their 'All Kids Count' campaign. If the government were to scrap this policy, which prevents larger families from claiming child related benefits for their third or subsequent child, 250,000 children would immediately be lifted out of poverty.

Adrienne Gregory
Edmonton

Palmers Green added but North Mid ditched from proposed ‘Superloop’ bus route

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

A stop outside North Middlesex Hospital has been removed from Transport for London’s plans for an express bus service through Enfield – while a new stop has been added in Palmers Green.

Announcing its sooner-than-expected public consultation on the X34 ‘Superloop’ bus route between North Finchley and Walthamstow last month, TfL published maps which included no direct link to the Edmonton hospital.

Asked by the *Dispatch* whether a previously proposed stop in Gloucester Road, near the hospital entrance, had been removed from its Superloop plans, TfL confirmed this was the case

‘Superloop’ express bus services aim to better connect outer London areas
Credit TfL



but did not give an explanation.

It was only at the start of May that TfL produced a simplified route map which included North Mid. But now it is proposing that passengers wishing to visit the hospital should instead walk there from Silver Street Station.

However, the proposed additional stop at the Green Lanes junction with the North Circular has been welcomed by Enfield and Haringey’s London Assembly member, Joanne McCartney, who said on Twitter she was “glad” it had been included.

A TfL spokesperson said: “The stops shown on the current Superloop map between North Finchley and Walthamstow are not final. The full route and all stops will be confirmed in due course, subject to the outcome the consultation.”

The X34 consultation is the

second to be launched as part of the Superloop plans first announced in March by London mayor Sadiq Khan. TfL had originally said the X34 route would not be consulted on until next year.

The idea behind Superloop is to provide faster and more frequent connections between outer London boroughs. Geoff Hobbs, TfL’s director of public transport planning, said: “Buses sit at the heart of the capital’s transport network and provide a vital lifeline for everyone living, working and visiting the capital.

“The Superloop will have an important role to play as we strive for a greener, cleaner and more sustainable London. Feedback from the public is hugely valuable and I’d encourage everyone to respond to the consultation.

“This will enable us to shape our future plans and help create a bus service which benefits everyone travelling throughout the area.”

Other stops on the X34 route include New Southgate Station and Arnos Grove Station. Beyond Enfield, there are stops at Colney Hatch Lane in Friern Barnet and Walthamstow Market. The timetable will include services every twelve minutes Monday to Saturday and every 15 minutes during evenings and Sundays.

While it will share much of its route with the existing 34 bus, this service is being retained and, in places where they both serve the same stops, daytime intervals for the two services together will be as little as five or six minutes.

Ben Curtis, campaigns officer for Campaign for Better Transport, said: “TfL’s new Superloop bus route between North Finchley and Walthamstow paves the way for a greener, more connected London. By expanding bus services in outer London, residents, businesses, and visitors have the freedom to travel sustainably and cost effectively.”

Have your say on the proposed X34 bus route before 21st July:
Visit haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/x34-superloop



Enfield Southgate MP
Bambos Charalambous
Credit parliament.uk

Enfield Southgate MP suspended by Labour

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

Enfield Southgate MP Bambos Charalambous has been suspended following a complaint from a Labour Party colleague that he had sexually assaulted her, the *Dispatch* understands.

Charalambous had the Labour whip removed by party bosses on 9th June, but it was only reported at the time that there had been a formal complaint made over his conduct, with no further details.

Labour sources have since linked Charalambous to national media reports from May when it was reported – initially by website *Tortoise* but also outlets including *The Guardian* and the BBC – that “a female Labour MP claimed she had been sexually assaulted by a male shadow minister”.

Charalambous had been serving on leader Keir Starmer’s shadow front bench until he stepped down from the role at the time of his suspension.

The *Dispatch* contacted both Charalambous and the Labour Party regarding the link between the national media stories from May and last month’s suspension of the Enfield Southgate MP. Neither denied the connection.

The alleged incident was reported to have taken place after a summer party in London nearly two years ago. The national media

reports stated the female MP made a complaint to the Metropolitan Police as well as Labour whips in March this year, but the Met stated in May that “at the victim’s request the incident will not now be investigated at this time”.

However, the *Dispatch* understands that the incident was subsequently reported via the Labour Party’s official complaints process last month, leading to the suspension of Charalambous within 24 hours. An investigation was ongoing at press time.

A suspension of Labour Party membership and removal of the whip carries no presumption of guilt.

Charalambous said in a statement: “I am aware that there is an allegation that requires investigation by the Labour Party. It is right and proper that process is allowed to take place.

“I will co-operate fully and play my full part. It is not appropriate to say anything further at this time.”

The Enfield Southgate MP was first elected to the House of Commons at the 2017 General Election, defeating former Conservative MP David Burrowes. He won again in 2019 with a slightly reduced vote share, and was appointed as a shadow minister shortly afterwards.

Charalambous is also a former councillor, having represented Palmers Green at Enfield Civic Centre for 24 years.

Taste of down under

Neil Littman visits two Australian-inspired cafes in Southgate and Palmers Green



Poached eggs with smoked salmon at Sydney Rocks

New restaurant openings are a bit thin on the ground in Enfield at present. Reviews I read elsewhere focus on central London or cities which have become gastro destinations such as Manchester and Newcastle, with restaurants adopting concepts such as ‘dining in the dark’ or ‘naked dining’ (fortunately

not a combination of both!). Enfield’s eateries are less concerned with gimmicks and more concerned about building good reputations by getting to know their customers and what they really enjoy. Themes, if there are any, stick to safer territory, and two places I visited recently both claim an Australian influence, with vibrant interiors

as well as inventive cooking and presentation. Sydney Rocks in Southgate has been open for over four years and was recommended by several friends. It describes itself as “a modern take on Aegean cooking with hints of Asian and Australian flavours, championing local, seasonal and sustainable produce sourced direct from farms”.

At 11.30am one Sunday I found the venue was packed with families and there was a distinct buzz. Getting the only free table left, I settled down to eat and recover from my own rocking the night before with my band. The interior reminded me of a mid-century furniture store but the giveaway that it might be something else was the giant coffee grinder in the far corner.

I ordered poached eggs with smoked salmon and avocado on sourdough bread (no hollandaise here). One gripe was the poached eggs had gone hard which suggested they may have sat on the counter. That aside, the food was good and bottled tap water on the table combined with strong coffee helped me recover from my hangover.

A few weeks previously, I was at Starfish & Coffee in Aldermans Hill, Palmers Green, for Sunday brunch on my way to visit the new swan colony in Broomfield Park. It has a stylish and eclectic interior with impressive tropical murals on the walls. Starfish, which has been around since 2016, doesn’t take bookings, so I made a point of getting there early at 10am. When I left there were no free tables.

The menu gave me a hard time – in a good way. Food from several continents is available, ranging from creole chicken waffles to Turkish



Blackbean fritters with queso fresco at Starfish & Coffee

eggs, plus Japanese and Korean dishes. Home-made cakes are also available on the counter. I ordered black bean fritters with queso fresco dip and corn salsa topped with a poached egg. I would exceed my word count if I included all the ingredients, which were a great combination of flavours, from hot to sublime.

This is what Starfish say about themselves: “A celebrity boozy brunch hotspot where our menu revolves around seasonality – taking inspiration from the Australian brunch and speciality coffee scene of Melbourne.”

It’s an accurate description – apart from the view out of the window not being much like the Melbourne I remember from a few years ago.

Sydney Rocks is found at 32 High Street, Southgate N14 6EE. Open Monday to Saturday, 7.30am–3.30pm, and Sundays 8am–3.30pm. Now also open Friday and Saturday nights 6pm–10.30pm. For more information: Visit sydneyrocks.co.uk

Starfish & Coffee is found at 92 Aldermans Hill, Palmers Green N13 4PP. Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am–4pm, and Friday evenings until 11.30pm with DJ and cocktails. For more information: Visit starfishlovescoffee.com

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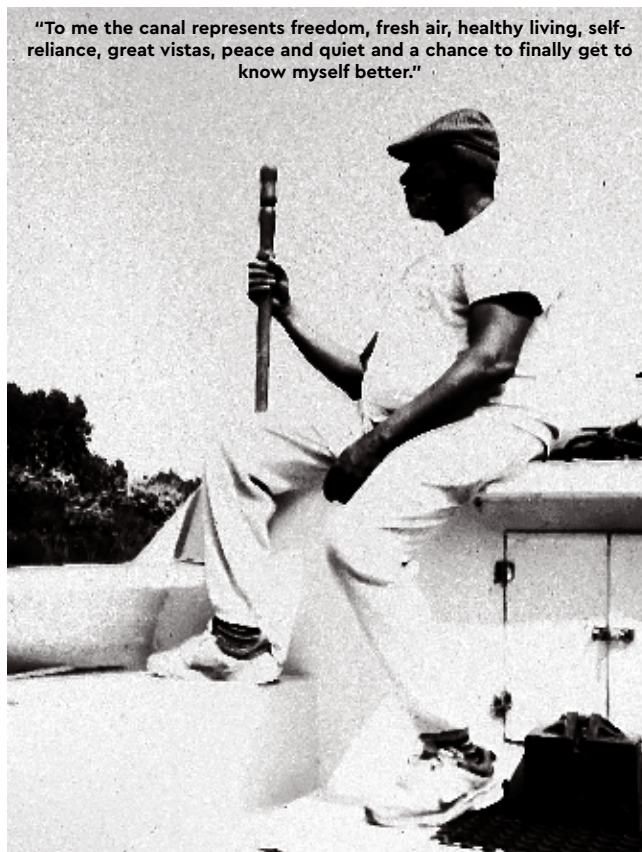
Untold tales from Edmonton's forgotten canal

Ben Nathan introduces his unique photography project spotlighting people living and working on the River Lee Navigation

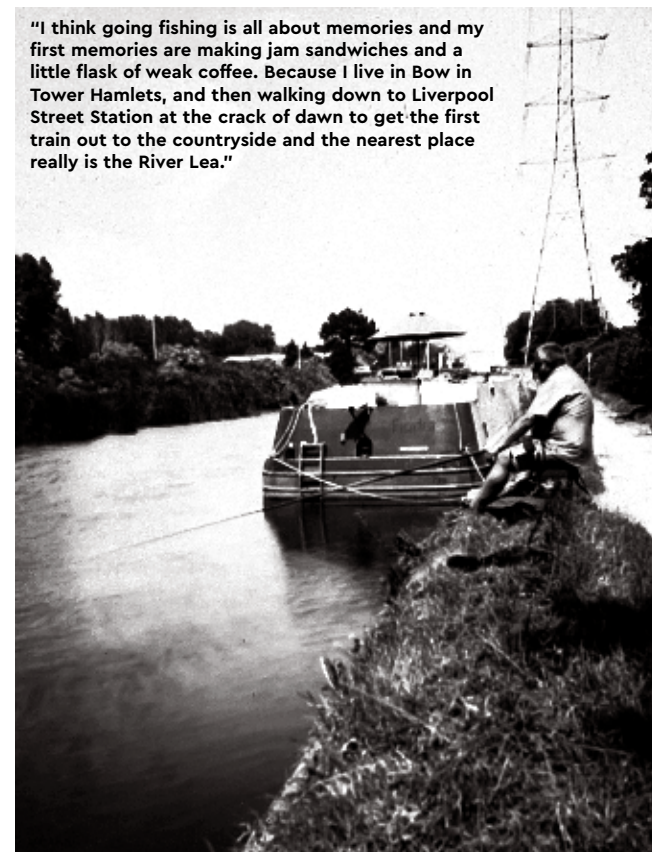
"The water is good for the brain. When the third eye sees the water it calms the spirit down."



"To me the canal represents freedom, fresh air, healthy living, self-reliance, great vistas, peace and quiet and a chance to finally get to know myself better."



"I think going fishing is all about memories and my first memories are making jam sandwiches and a little flask of weak coffee. Because I live in Bow in Tower Hamlets, and then walking down to Liverpool Street Station at the crack of dawn to get the first train out to the countryside and the nearest place really is the River Lea."



While the Lea Valley has huge environmental importance today, for many, this green corridor – only a mile from Edmonton Green Shopping Centre – is often ignored or overlooked.

As part of 'Untold Edmonton' – a two-year Enfield Council arts programme funded by a £250,000

National Lottery Heritage Fund grant – I undertook a two-week artist-in-residence last month, living and working aboard Barge Fiodra, moored near Alfie's (Pickett's) Lock on the River Lee Navigation.

My aim was to find out how people use and access the canal at Edmonton today, to celebrate and draw out the social histories,

relationships and everyday lives of people who use the canal.

The project, called 'Tales of the Towpath', engaged boaters, anglers and canal users who together with me co-created analogue photographs and recorded their reflections on what makes the canal at Edmonton so special to them.

My photographs were captured

using a Kodak Brownie Pinhole Camera conversion and a 100-year-old Avus folding-plate camera. Each photo was developed by hand in the darkroom installed aboard Barge Fiodra, a unique floating arts and entertainment venue. The participants' photos were exhibited with archival photos and maps in the boat's gallery.

We are delighted to share a selection of the resulting photos with *Dispatch* readers. The full series will be showcased at Edmonton Green and Fore Street libraries later this year.

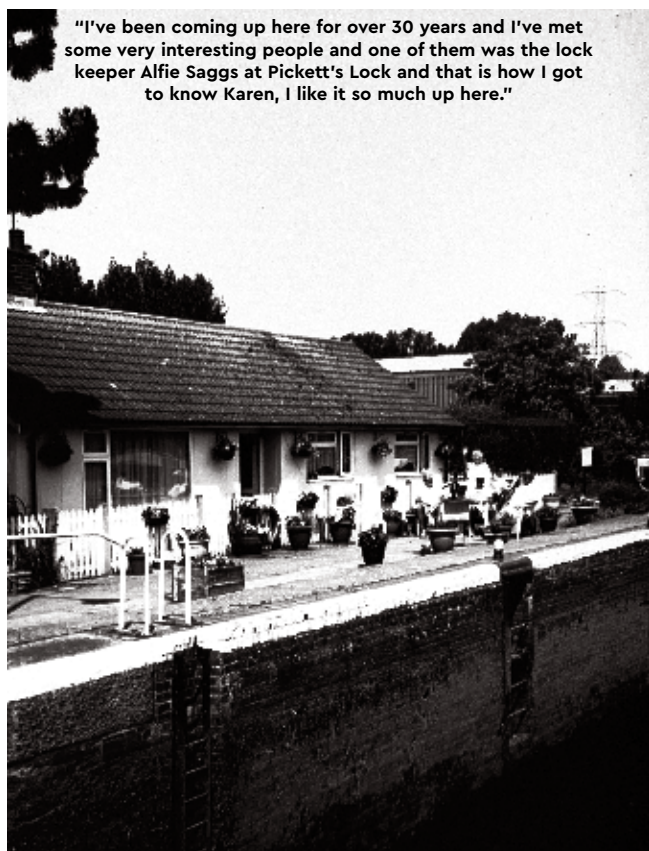
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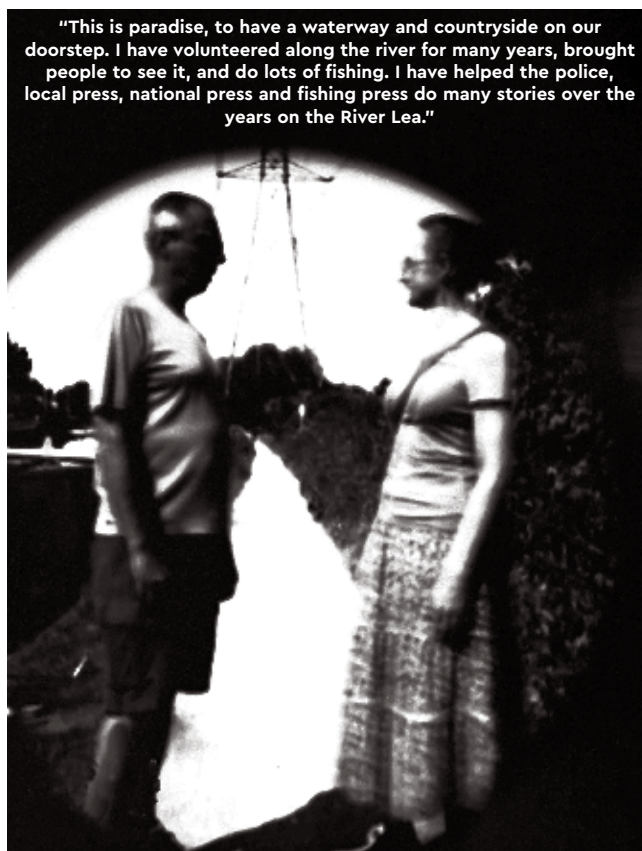
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"I've been coming up here for over 30 years and I've met some very interesting people and one of them was the lock keeper Alfie Saggs at Pickett's Lock and that is how I got to know Karen, I like it so much up here."



"This is paradise, to have a waterway and countryside on our doorstep. I have volunteered along the river for many years, brought people to see it, and do lots of fishing. I have helped the police, local press, national press and fishing press do many stories over the years on the River Lea."



"It's the fact that you can walk by the River Lea and have peace. When walking now you get to see the green fields, trees, birds and ducks. It is so peaceful and seems miles from anywhere."



North London Lates events will be taking place along a two-mile stretch of Fore Street and Tottenham High Road, including at Fore Street Living Room Library

Living Room Library

Better late than never

A special festival will spotlight artists and performers in Edmonton and Tottenham

BY LEWIS TOUMAZOU

Local arts groups Fore Street for All and Made by Tottenham are joining forces to launch 'North London Lates', a brand new festival taking over the high street in Angel Edmonton and North Tottenham on Saturday, 15th July.

The stretch of the high street running between Silver Street and Bruce Grove gets packed during Tottenham Hotspur match days and (in summer) for music concerts such as the recent Beyonce tour. But the rest of the time, this part of London may not feel like 'the place to be'. That's why the community is coming together to present North London Lates – a free multi-venue event that breathes new creative life into the iconic buildings, civic spaces and little-known gems of the high street. These locations will play host to a buzzing programme featuring art, live music,

performances, food and more.

In Edmonton, newly-launched Angel Yard hosts a collection of 35 workspaces and will be opening its doors for visitors to meet its businesses, enjoy art exhibitions and family-friendly activities. This will spill out into a beautiful new pedestrianised section of Grove Street, where there'll be food and drink and live music courtesy of Tanum Sound System.

Clang Studios will present performances from an array of local artists at The Gilpin's Bell in Fore Street. Clang provides professional rehearsal and recording studios for musicians and creators in Enfield.

Fore Street Living Room Library will host a makers' market for creatives and traders from across Enfield and Haringey. Get your hands on some brilliant artwork, homeware and products.

In Tottenham, The Victoria Pub will host Noutéka's Quartier Libre event, with movement workshops, live music and DJs. Noutéka is an international collective of musicians, producers, rappers and dancers. The Tramperry will also present Tottenham Sounds in collaboration with Threads Radio, an intimate gig showcasing the best of local talent.

In addition, public artist Hanna Benihoud will create a trail of paste-ups along the North London Lates route for a project

called 'Too Sexy For The Streets'. The artwork explores themes of sexuality and objectification in public space, inspired by a collage workshop that Hanna led for the London Festival of Architecture. By creating thought-provoking artwork, Hanna seeks to initiate a dialogue about these important issues that are experienced in public yet rarely discussed in public.

North London Lates is also a perfect opportunity to visit the many incredible businesses on the high street along Tottenham High Road and Fore Street – some of whom will have special North London Lates offers.

London's night czar, Amy Lamé, said: "Fore Street For All and Made By Tottenham have developed a fantastic free festival of art, live music, performances and food. These events – part of the North London Lates festival – showcase the incredible talent of the creatives, artists, makers and businesses based in the area, and will encourage residents and visitors to explore all that the high street has to offer in the evening."

"This is yet another example of how investment from City Hall is helping to regenerate and reinvigorate life at night across the capital."

North London Lates runs from 5pm until late on Saturday, 15th July. All events are free and open to all, but some may require advance booking. Find out more: Visit bit.ly/3Jmo9gP

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 by **Monday 17th July**.

EXHIBITION

Pictures for Pleasure

Monday 3rd July until Sunday 9th July, 10am–4pm
Stable block, Myddelton House, Bulls Cross, Enfield EN2 9HG

GJR Leisure Artists invite you to view our 'Pictures for Pleasure'. Mixed media artwork on show at Myddelton House.

Free admission

Email hilary.raymond@virgin.net

CINEMA

Talkies Community Cinema presents Hit The Road

Thursday 6th July, 7.45pm
Dugdale Arts Centre, 39 London Road, Enfield EN2 6DS

Iranian filmmaker Panah Panahi's debut feature film juggles joy, heartbreak and surreal humour in a thoroughly enchanting road movie that his much-harassed film director father, Jafar Panahi, would be proud of.

Tickets £6.50

Visit dugdaleartscentre.co.uk/whats-on

THEATRE

A Midsummer Night's Dream: The Musical

Saturday, 8th July, 5pm
Broomfield Park, Alderman's Hill, Palmers Green N13 4HE

Boxtree Productions presents an open air theatre performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Suitable for all the family.

Tickets from £10

Visit fobp.uk/events

FESTIVAL

Livestock

Saturday 22nd July, 11am–11pm
Forty Hall Farm, Enfield EN2 9HA

Live from Forty Hall Farm, scores of great live bands will be rocking different stages at this family-friendly music festival. Genres include pop-punk, indie rock, goth, folk, blues, reggae, soul and funk. Livestock will also offer the usual bars and food stands plus an array of children's activities.

Tickets £30 advance, £35 on the day, £20 for an evening pass
Visit livestockuk.com

SALE

Grand jumble sale

Saturday 15th July, 10am–1pm
Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church, Main Avenue (at junction with Third Avenue), Enfield EN1 1DJ

A jumble sale with proceeds going to support the 2nd Enfield Boys Brigade.

Free entry

Call 07775 697 255

LIVE MUSIC

Winchmore String Orchestra

Saturday 15th July, 7.30pm
Southgate Methodist Church, The Bourne, Southgate N14 6RS

Concert in aid of Brain Tumour Research and in memory of Joan Bayliss. Performing Spring and Summer from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* plus works from Elgar and Rachmaninov.

Tickets £10

Email info@winchmorestrings.co.uk

Aurora Choir presents Summer Serenade Concert

Saturday 15th July, 7.30pm
St Andrew's Church, Chase Side, Southgate N14 5PP

We will be delighted for you to join us at our Summer Serenade Concert, a light programme of music for a summer's evening which includes a selection of English folk songs with highlights including Elgar, Rutter, Handel, *The Pearl Fishers' Duet* by Bizet and the theme from the *Vicar of Dibley* by Goodall with solos and instrumental pieces.

Tickets £14

Email AuroraChoirLondon@gmail.com

COMEDY

Friday Night Funnies

Friday, 21st July, 8pm
Chickenshed Theatre, 290 Chase Side, Southgate N14 4PE

Get ready to belly laugh as Resistance Comedy presents the best and brightest comics London has to offer to our café space. After spring's incredible line-ups, we guarantee this season of Friday Night Funnies will be comedy gold! Fully licensed bar and snacks available. Early booking is advised as these shows are very popular and sell-out quickly.

Tickets £12

Visit chickenshed.org.uk/pages/events/category/whats-on

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

S Powell-Doyley trading as McPalmer Powell Logistics Ltd of Impact Brixton, Electric Lane, London, SW9 8LA is applying for a licence to use Makro Enfield, Stockingswater Lane, Enfield, EN3 7XA as an operating centre for 3 goods vehicles and 2 trailers.

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Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

AROUND THE BOROUGH

EDMONTON

Council to spend £13.8m buying leasehold flats



Shropshire House is one of the towers set to be demolished

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

COUNCILLORS HAVE AGREED plans to buy back leaseholder-owned homes in two Edmonton tower blocks which had their gas supplies cut over safety fears.

The decision follows Enfield Council's announcement that it plans to decommission Cheshire House and Shropshire House after more than three-quarters of residents surveyed indicated they wanted to move out of the blocks and into better quality homes.

The 18-storey blocks, on Shires Estate, were found to be vulnerable to a gas explosion after undergoing structural safety tests. The council initially planned to connect the

blocks to its district heating network, Energetik, and switch off the gas by January next year. It dropped the plans after the gas supplies had to be cut off urgently following the discovery of a leak at Cheshire House.

A council report deemed moving people out of the blocks and decommissioning them at a cost of £16.7million to be the "only viable and feasible option". Maintaining and refurbishing the blocks to keep them in use would have cost £53m, with leaseholders picking up a "considerable" share of the bill.

During a full council meeting last month, councillors agreed plans to buy back 41 properties owned by leaseholders, who had previously purchased their homes from the council, at a total cost of £13.8m.

The offer to leaseholders will be based on market value plus an extra 10% home loss compensation.

For those unable to find a similar property off the estate, the council will consider helping them to purchase a new home by buying a share of the equity. Council tenants will be eligible for home loss and disturbance payments totalling £10,300.

Council leader Nesil Caliskan said: "We will make a fair, and clear, and consistent offer to every tenant and leaseholder in the building. We will cover the cost of moving, and we will give tenants one year to find a new and better home through choice-based lettings."

The Conservatives supported the council's plans to buy leaseholder-owned homes but continued to criticise its handling of the safety issues.

Lee Chamberlain, shadow cabinet member for housing, claimed the Tory opposition group had forced the administration into a U-turn on previous plans to "keep the gas flowing in rusty pipes" until the blocks were connected to the district heat network.

He said it was "disappointing" that the payments to leaseholders were being funded by "approved borrowing", suggesting this would lead to cuts to council services elsewhere.

SOUTHGATE

Tributes to Southgate Hockey Club star killed in Nottingham attacks

A RISING STAR IN WOMEN'S hockey was among the people killed in a series of attacks in Nottingham last month.

Nottingham University student Grace O'Malley Kumar, aged 19, grew up in Woodford. She played both hockey and cricket to a high standard and was considered a rising star for Southgate Hockey Club, which described Grace as "a huge talent".

Grace was also a member of the England under-16 and under-18 hockey squads. In a tribute on Twitter, Southgate Hockey Club said: "It is with profound sadness that we have learned of the death of Grace O'Malley Kumar, a huge talent and much-loved member of Southgate U18s and W1s [women's first team]."

"We are shocked and devastated by the news, our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Grace's family, friends and teammates."

England Hockey said in a statement: "We are all deeply saddened by the news of the tragic death of Grace Kumar in Nottingham. Grace was a popular member of the England U16 and U18 squads and our thoughts are with Grace's family, friends, teammates and the whole hockey



Grace O'Malley Kumar
Credit: Southgate Hockey Club

community at this time.

Grace also played for Woodford Wells Cricket Club and Essex County Cricket Club's women's sides. She was a pupil at Bancroft's School.

Enfield North MP Feryal Clark added: "This is absolutely devastating news. My heart goes out to Grace's family, friends and teammates in this difficult time."

Three people were killed in the Nottingham attacks on 13th June. Valdo Calocane, aged 31, has been charged with three counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder.

MERIDIAN WATER

'Centre of excellence for construction' opens

A NEW SKILLS ACADEMY IS GIVING future students a taste of what it would be like to be part of major regeneration projects.

Delivered through a partnership by Enfield Council, Capital City College Group (CCCG) and Countryside Partnerships, Enfield Construction Skills Academy was officially opened last month with workshops to demonstrate the wide range of courses on offer.

The academy, on the site of the Meridian Water redevelopment zone in Edmonton, has been open to students since April.

The academy aims to train around 500 people per year, enabling local people to develop skills to access



The official opening of Enfield Construction Skills Academy

good quality work. There are several positions available for people at the academy to gain employment in the construction of Meridian Water, Enfield Council's landmark regeneration project.

Learners will benefit from a range of facilities including dedicated indoor and outdoor workspaces to give them hands-on skills training using various construction methods and equipment.

The academy is run by the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (Conel), which is part of CCCG.

Kurt Hintz, executive principal, said: "At CCCG, we are committed to working with employers to reduce the huge shortfall of skilled construction workers in the UK. The academy will provide excellent construction training to industry standards to boost employment in Enfield and support the local and wider economy."

WINCHMORE HILL

North London Hospice launches funding appeal

NORTH LONDON HOSPICE IS appealing for help as rising energy costs put its services under pressure.

The charity – which has bases in Winchmore Hill and Finchley – has seen energy costs triple, putting a significant strain on its finances.

Keeping patients warm and running essential equipment now costs North London Hospice almost £450,000, up from just £133,000 the previous year. The £14m cost of caring for those with life-limiting illness is mostly met by

the charity's fundraising, but the cost-of-living crisis means supporters are also feeling the pinch.

Chief executive Declan Carroll said: "We aim to provide the best of life, at the end of life so for us, cutting back on heating and electricity simply isn't an option."

"We have a plan in place to ensure we can continue to deliver the best of care for our patients, but these are challenging times."

To find out more about the North London Hospice campaign and to make a donation: Visit northlondonhospice.org/fund-our-nurses



Gavin Macpherson arrived from Met Police FC in May

Pre-season games give new Towners boss first look at players

Tottenham Hotspur and QPR among clubs visiting Enfield in July

BY ANDREW WARSHAW

New Enfield Town manager Gavin Macpherson has outlined his strategy for the club's pre-season programme, which gets under way in mid-July.

Gavin has been welcomed with open arms by Town fans following the departure of Andy Leese, who led the team for six years, and plans to use pre-season matches to get a feel for the personnel at his disposal and to make any necessary alterations ahead of the new season.

Sam Youngs and Jake Cass are among those who have been retained from last campaign, along with club captain Scott Thomas, Joe Payne, James Richmond and Marcus Wyllie.

At the time of going to press, six new faces had been added, including highly-rated goalkeeper Rhys Forster, exciting winger Ollie Knight, much-prized striker Reece Beckles-Richards from local rivals Cheshunt and former Town favourite Mickey Parcell, who makes a welcome return from Hornchurch.

Introduced to the fans last month, Gavin, renowned for his attacking style of play, made a huge impression with his positivity, insightfulness, technical knowledge, attention to detail and engaging manner. Enfield's division, he conceded, would probably be the strongest ever next season – but he and his staff intend to work tirelessly.

"I'm not a manager who is going to go out there and make wild predictions," says Gavin. "We go about our business quietly to achieve the best possible outcome. I'm not fazed by other teams' budgets.

"I'm bringing a really experienced management team with me."

Pre-season comes first, starting on Saturday, 15th July against QPR's b-team, with the management staff using every game to carefully assess any necessary tweaks.

"I've said it many times, the worst thing you can do in pre-season is win every game," says Gavin. "We will look at certain things, both out of and in possession, so that the boys are ready to go from day one."

Gavin had considerable interest from other clubs when

deciding to leave Met Police FC but says he immediately got a feel for the Towners, not least its fan-owned ethos.

"The fan base has massively invested in the club and I'm very humbled to be here," he says. "I'm going to give it absolutely everything."

The pre-season programme of six matches includes the eagerly-awaited annual home fixture against a Tottenham Hotspur under-21 side on Tuesday, 18th July.

Four days later, the game against Bracknell Town is being dubbed 'community day' with a special emphasis on youth, but also using the occasion to widen the entire club's appeal. Activities in the build-up to kick-off are hoped to include safety demonstrations by local police, fire and ambulance services, plus entertainment in the form of a magician and live band. Adults will be charged only £5 between 12pm and 1.30pm, with children entering for free. They can then stay on to watch the Bracknell game.

Details of all pre-season matches are on the Enfield Town website: Visit etfc.london

'Thrilling' Middlesex T20 match hosted by Enfield CC



Middlesex take on Kent at Enfield Cricket Club in Lincoln Road

BY JAMES QUINLAN

Enfield Cricket Club proudly welcomed Middlesex County Cricket Club and Kent County Cricket Club's second team for a riveting T20 match on the last day of May.

The electrifying encounter saw Middlesex emerge victorious with a 25-run win, displaying exceptional cricketing prowess throughout the match.

The clash between these two esteemed cricket clubs attracted a significant crowd as spectators eagerly gathered to witness the talent on display. Enfield CC, known for its commitment to promoting the sport at a grassroots level, extended a warm invitation to cricket enthusiasts of all ages by hosting this remarkable event and waiving any entry fee for the day.

Middlesex CCC's exemplary performance led them to victory, achieving a remarkable score of 208 runs for the loss of five wickets. Their line-up boasted an impressive roster of international players, including Mark Wood, Jatinder Singh, Mark Stoneman, Sam Robson, and Jacques Snyman. Collectively, these exceptional cricketers have participated in 119 international matches, accumulating a staggering 3,365 runs and claiming 90 wickets.

Enfield CCC expressed immense pride in hosting such a prestigious match and offering a platform for these remarkable athletes to showcase their skills. The club's dedication to promoting the sport at the local level is unwavering, and events like this highlight their commitment to fostering cricketing excellence within the community.

Enfield CC extends its heartfelt congratulations to Middlesex CCC for their outstanding performance

and wishes them continued success in their future endeavours. The club also commends Kent CCC seconds for their spirited performance and displays of sportsmanship throughout the match.

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