

MP raises anti-Semitism at PMQs

Finchley and Golders Green MP Mike Freer raised his fears about rising levels of anti-Semitism with David Cameron.

Speaking in Parliament in the last Prime Minister's Questions before the Easter recess, Mr Freer said: "I am sure the Prime Minister is as appalled as I am that incidents of anti-Semitism are on the rise."

"Does my Right Honourable Friend agree with me that all organisations, public and private, should root out anti-Semitism without hesitation?"

Mr Cameron said he agreed with his Conservative colleague, and called anti-Semitism "an absolute cancer in our societies".

The Prime Minister said: "We should know that when it grows, it's the signal of many even worse things happening to ethnic groups, and different groups all over our country."

"There is, sadly, a growth of anti-Semitism in our country and we see it in terms of attacks on Jewish people and Jewish students and it absolutely has to be stamped out."

"We should all – all of us – whatever



organisation we are responsible for, make sure that happens."

The Prime Minister then referred to rows within and about the Labour Party.

Mr Cameron said: "And I have to say, we do see a growth in segregation, and indeed anti-Semitism, in part of the Labour Party."

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■ Conservation group members vow to fight against the new plans

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Anger over fresh plans for leafy trail

Campaigners vow to battle fresh application

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A conservation group has rallied to defend a nature reserve in the face of a new planning application.

Friends of Parkland Walk, which last year campaigned to save the leafy trail from becoming a thoroughfare for lorries as part of redevelopment plans, has determined to fight a revised application.

Treasurer Cathy Meeus said: "These plans mean disruption and danger for the people who use the walk – cyclists, joggers, families and children who use the route to get to school."

She added: "The council should not benefit the property development aspirations of a single taxpayer at the expense of the thousands of people who enjoy the nature reserve."

Historic covenants ban vehicles from accessing the old railway cottage in Francis

Place, which is surrounded by protected green space without road access.

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Last summer the group campaigned against a construction management plan (CMP) that would have allowed 26-ton HGVs to drive along Parkland Walk to access the redevelopment site.

Plans for the redevelopment of the site into a seven-bedroom home with basement were secured early last year, but the renewed CMP applica-

tion is pending.

Ms Meeus said: "The new revised plan seems to scale down the size of the vehicles but it still breaks every aspect of the covenants which were put in place when the property was sold in order to protect the environment."

The revised CMP anticipates that construction will take 61 weeks and proposes the use of skips for both the delivery and removal of soil from the site via the entrance on Holmesdale Road.

Other plans in the application include the pumping of concrete to the site via a pipe across the path from the gate to the house for 10 weeks, as well as the installation of two electrical car charging points on Holmesdale Road.

Ms Meeus added: "Allowing two cars to charge themselves on the road hardly compensates the thousands of people whose enjoyment of the walk would be disrupted."

Royal Free launches breast cancer trial

A groundbreaking trial has begun at The Royal Free Hospital to enable more accurate diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

Researchers are trying to discover if 3D breast scanning technology – positron emission tomography (PET) scanners – can create accurate diagnosis for patients whose MRI scans have been inconclusive.

According to a statement

from the hospital, MRI scans result in a falsely positive diagnosis 57 per cent of the time, meaning patients have to endure further scans and biopsies which are invasive and expensive.

Thomas Wagner, lead researcher, said: "After a patient receives a breast cancer diagnosis, the next step is to check the size and spread of the cancer in order to help decide on

the best course of treatment. PET scans could be an effective way of gathering this information and prove to be complementary to MRI. We are hoping a dedicated breast PET will allow some patients to be spared the further stress of a biopsy."

The Royal Free research team is recruiting 20 breast cancer patients who are awaiting an ultrasound to take part in the trial.