

---

# COMMENT

---

## Another chance to heal the rift

**JUST** in case you thought the controversy had gone away, here comes a reminder that the Hornsey Town Hall dispute is still running. Haringey Council is inviting applications for the community partnership that will be set up as a forerunner to a working trust.

There is no shortage of people in Crouch End who have the skills needed to ensure that the partnership is effective but some of them have already been alienated in the bitter battle between the council and Crouch End for People. Yet when one considers that a key commercial corner of the town hall site could well become a fast food outlet, and another prime site be given over to yet another coffee bar, it has to be hoped that their expertise can be brought on board.

What happens in and around Hornsey Town Hall could be the making or the breaking of Crouch End. There are well-intentioned people who care very deeply about its future and whose passionate contribution has been too lightly dismissed by the council. The formation of the partnership provides an opportunity for their further involvement, but only if the council is big enough to accommodate views it does not necessarily agree with.