



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ASDA NEW BARNET PLANS READY FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

ASDA has today announced that it has completed proposals for a new mixed-use development on the old Transco site off Albert Road, New Barnet. The plans have been prepared for local feedback and will be shown at a public exhibition at the end of the month.

The supermarket operator wants to get the views of local people before submitting a planning application to Barnet Council in late summer.

ASDA will be hosting the exhibition at the Salvation Army, Albert Road on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>. The open days will allow local residents the opportunity to view the proposals which consist of an ASDA store, retail area, new homes and civic space.

The proposals are designed to complement the town centre and encourage residents to shop locally in New Barnet. ASDA would regenerate a vacant site and help to modernize the town centre – a key ambition of the Council. The ASDA store would create 300 new full and part-time jobs for local people.

The public exhibition will be open to all and members of the ASDA Project Team will be on hand to answer any questions on the proposed scheme and to listen and gain feedback from the local community.

ASDA representatives had originally taken some earlier plans to local representatives in March, including Teresa Villiers MP and local councillors. They expressed some concerns about the height and density of ASDA's initial plans and suggested that ASDA go back to the drawing board to devise a scheme more in keeping with the character of the New Barnet area.

Tom McGarry, ASDA Property Communications Manager, said:

“Early discussions with local representatives and Council officers have been hugely constructive. They raised their concerns and we have worked hard to produce plans more in line with their feedback. We now want to move on to the next stage of consultation and listen to the views of local people.”

“As a result of working up the new proposals we unfortunately missed the recent New Barnet Community Association meeting on proposed supermarket development in the area. However, having now revised our plans we hope local people can visit the public exhibition. We are keen to hear their views, which will help us shape our proposals for the site.”

“If residents have any questions or comments they would like to make or if they would just like more information and to view the proposals, then I would encourage them to come along and talk to us.”



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**Note to Editors:**

Details of the open days:

**Dates:** Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 3pm-8pm (June 6<sup>th</sup>) & 10am-4pm (June 7<sup>th</sup>)  
**Location:** Salvation Army, Albert Road, Barnet EN4 9SH

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