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**SAVE NEW BARNET CAMPAIGN MAKES LIGHT OF HEAVY WEATHER.**

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- Anti-supermarket campaign collects over 300 signatures at local festival.

The SAVE NEW BARNET CAMPAIGN got off to a flying start this weekend (Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July), collecting over 300 petition signatures at East Barnet Community Festival, despite the low attendance caused by heavy rain and gusty winds.

Over the two days, hundreds of residents visited the SAVE NEW BARNET CAMPAIGN stall, expressing their concerns about many aspects of Tesco and ASDA's plans to build 24-hour superstores in the centre of New Barnet, including:

- Why does New Barnet need more superstores when there is already a large Sainsbury's superstore serving the local community?
- Local roads won't be able to cope with all the additional car movements per hour.
- The community doesn't need more small flats, but more affordable family homes.
- The planned Tesco scheme will lead to the loss of local amenities, including a post office, large NHS dental surgery, pub, garage and petrol station as well as a parade of shops run by local people meeting the needs of their neighbours.

David Howard, spokesperson for the SAVE NEW BARNET CAMPAIGN, says,

"For many residents, the spectre of traffic gridlock is a terrifying thought, as is the prospect of the town centre they know and love being obliterated by these monstrous plans.

"The fact that so many dedicated volunteers lent their support on a mainly wet, windy, miserable weekend is a testament to their commitment."

Members of the public can have their say and discuss the 'Vision for New Barnet' at the forthcoming Community Consultation between 10.00am - 4.00pm on Saturday 19th July at New Barnet Community Centre 48/50 Victoria Road, New Barnet.

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### **Notes to Editors**

The SAVE NEW BARNET CAMPAIGN was set up by New Barnet Community Association in response to growing concerns from residents regarding Tesco and ASDA plans to build 24-hour superstores in New Barnet, London Borough of Barnet.

Further details of The SAVE NEW BARNET CAMPAIGN and its 'Vision for New Barnet' can be found at [www.newbarnet.org.uk](http://www.newbarnet.org.uk)

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