

Save New Barnet

Newsletter



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Hello again, friends of the Save New Barnet Campaign.

Victoria Quarter

After a long period of silence from One Housing and nothing happening on their large Victoria Quarter development site (the old gas works in Albert Road), leaflets dropped through residents' letter boxes at the start of January. One Housing and their new partners Fairview New Homes announced a public exhibition of "proposals for the redevelopment of the Victoria Quarter".

Venue: St Margaret's Nursery School, Margaret Road, Barnet, EN4 9NT

Dates: Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th January 2020

Time: 5.00 pm to 8.30 pm

We STRONGLY URGE you to attend this public exhibition, to find out exactly what they are now proposing, to ask questions of the developers and give your feedback.

Their leaflet contains the worrying phrases "*rising housing targets in Barnet*" and "*make optimal use of under-utilised brownfield sites*". It doesn't take a genius to work out what this is likely to mean.

One Housing gained planning permissions to build their original Victoria Quarter and associated Gateway schemes back in 2016 and 2017. This was always going to be a large development in order to cover the costs of decontamination of the former gas works site. Through many hours of exhibitions, consultations and discussions, a scheme was agreed that was reasonably acceptable to local residents and financially viable for the developers. In total it contained 371 units in a mixture of town houses and blocks of flats ranging from 4 to 6 storeys, with a single taller 8 storey block towards the centre of the site. Decontamination of the site started in 2017 and appears to have been completed, but NOTHING has yet been built. The proposed timelines in the planning applications showed that by now the main scheme should by now be partially built, and the Gateway section (on non contaminated land fronting Victoria Road) should have been completed and occupied.

If you miss the exhibition, the information presented should be appearing on their website soon.

Fairview / One Housing project team contact info:

Phone: 0800 298 7040

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What Can I Do?

If possible, attend the public exhibition, talk to the development team and give them your feedback.

Talk to your friends and neighbours about it and ensure they are aware that the exhibition is happening and encourage them to attend.

Print off some copies of this newsletter and pass them on to folk not on our email list.

Join our email list (via our website) to hear from us direct.

Let us know what you think by dropping us an email, or join a discussion on the Save New Barnet Facebook group (all contact details below).

Tube Station Car Parks

As previously reported, Transport for London (TfL) are developing plans to build flats on many of their station car parks in outer London. Only very limited numbers of parking spaces may be retained at each site and the residential developments would also contain no parking spaces.

Proposals being considered include:

- High Barnet - 300 homes in six blocks, 6/7 storeys high
- Finchley Central - 600 homes, including a 27 storey tower
- Arnos Grove - 150 homes
- Cockfosters - 370 homes

The second round of consultations on these projects are now in progress.

Cockfosters Station Car Parks Public Consultation

- Thursday 16th January 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm Christ Church, Chalk Lane, EN4 9JQ
- Saturday 18th January 10.30 am to 2.30 pm Christ Church House, Chalk Lane, EN4 9JQ
- www.givemyview.com/cockfosters

JCoSS Planning Application (19/6855/FUL)

A planning application has been registered by the Jewish Community Secondary School (JCoSS) to build a 2 storey extension. The new building would be sited on a hard netball court at the ends of two existing wings. This North Wing would contain 9 extra classrooms across 2 floors, a hall, offices for the head and a boardroom. This expansion would enable pupil numbers to rise by 130 from the current 1296.

Details of the plans can be found on Barnet's planning website:
tinyurl.com/jcossjan2020

The deadline for public comments is Friday 31st January 2020

That's all for now.

Regards,

Save New Barnet Campaign Team

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Save New Barnet Campaign is a non-political group of local residents fighting for a better New Barnet. The group seeks to inform the local community about potential changes to the area, and oppose inappropriate developments. The group aims to promote a clear vision for how New Barnet could be developed for the benefit of the community based on the views of local people.

The campaign is funded entirely by donations from individuals. It is not bankrolled by any company or commercial organisation.