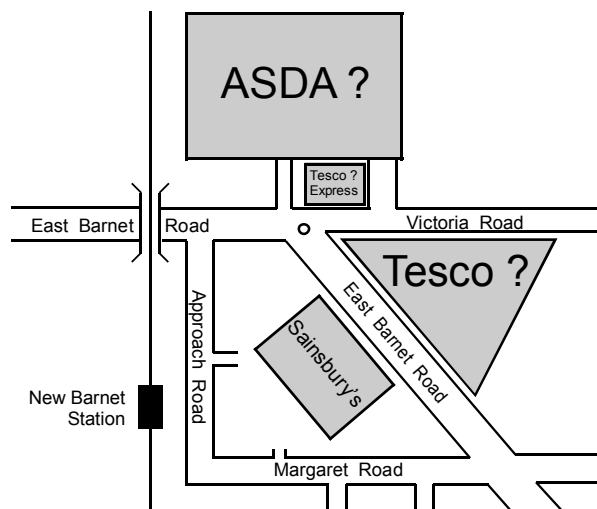


Save New Barnet

Newsletter

14th March 2012



Dear Friends,

Welcome to another roundup of news from the Save New Barnet Campaign.

Car Park Charges

Barnet Council published an official notice on 1st March 2012 announcing that the free car park behind the shops in Church Hill Road, East Barnet Village would have the following charges imposed.

Monday to Saturday 9am to 5.30 pm

Up to 30 minutes:	£1.05
Up to 1 hour:	£2.10
Up to 90 minutes:	£3.15
Up to 3 hours:	£4.20
Over 3 hours:	£5.25

Payment will need to be made by the Council's phone payment system, or by cash at a PayPoint outlet, or by using parking vouchers.

Parking in Barnet is under the control of the Cabinet member for the Environment, Cllr Brian Coleman, who has introduced the policy that payments must be made using the pay by phone system. Existing payment machines have been covered over prior to their removal.

There are no PayPoint outlets in East Barnet Village. The nearest are 10-15 minutes walk away at 5 Temple Parade, Netherlands Road or 26 East Barnet Road, New Barnet.

The council have now made scratch card vouchers available, but these must be purchased in advance (online or by phone using a credit or debit card), or from libraries. A minimum quantity of four vouchers must be purchased in any one transaction and they currently cost £2 each for 60 minutes and £1 each for 30 minutes parking.

Businesses in East Barnet Village have started a petition against the charges, which can be signed in many of the shops.

In addition to the potential damage to small businesses, it is feared that cars will now fill the surrounding streets, prompting the council to impose a controlled parking zone.

The decision to levy charges on the car park was made at Barnet Council's Cabinet meeting on 20th February 2012. Two East Barnet ward councillors (Cllr Robert Rams and Cllr Joanna Tambourides) are part of the ten member Cabinet, and both voted in favour of introducing charges.

If you wish to object to the imposition of the parking charges you can write (before 21st March) to Barnet Council, Design Team, Building 4, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP

LINK: <http://www.barnet.gov.uk/index/transport-streets/parking.htm>

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East Barnet Car Parks Consultation

The three councillors for East Barnet Ward (Cllr Robert Rams, Cllr Joanna Tambourides and Cllr Barry Evangelini) have started their own consultation on car parking charges. Their consultation covers three sites - the East Barnet Village car park in Church Hill Road (currently free) and the two New Barnet car parks opposite each other in East Barnet Road (currently charged). The councillors say that no decision will be made on charging for the Church Hill Road car park until their consultation is complete. The deadline for comments is 31st March 2012.

Some questions you might want to consider when responding to the councillor's consultation:

- Should the car parks be free or charged?
- What is the purpose of charging – to raise money or to control all day commuter parking?
- What is an acceptable level of charge?
- Should there be a free period before charging starts, and how long should that be?
- What days or hours should be charged?
- What methods of payment should be available?

Councillor's consultation website <http://eastbarnetcarparks.wordpress.com>

Email your views to eastbarnetcarparks@gmail.com

Or write to East Barnet Ward Councillors, C/o The Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG

Cat Hill Campus

Planning permission has been refused for the redevelopment of the former Middlesex University campus by the Cat Hill roundabout. A special Enfield Council planning committee meeting was held on March 7th at the nearby Ashmole Academy so that local residents could see the decision making process.

Our congratulations to the Cat Hill Campaign group on their success. L&Q have stated their determination to develop the site, so the fight goes on.

Once again it demonstrates that a tightly run campaign can galvanise the support of a large number of residents and ensures that their elected representatives take notice.

LINK: www.campaignforcathill.com

Travelodge

A recent press release from the budget hotel operator Travelodge announced its intention to open a number of hotels across the borough of Barnet. Travelodge have confirmed to us that they consider New Barnet to be a suitable location and are looking for a site.

Tesco

In early February surveyors were seen carrying out site surveys and taking ground levels in East Barnet Road, Victoria Road, and Alexander Close, as well as on the site. Tesco have told us that they will not be building a supermarket on the site and that it will be used for a residential type development.

ASDA

The recent demolition work has been completed and a blue wooden hoarding has been erected along the perimeter of the ASDA owned land in Albert Road. There is no other news to report.

New Barnet Town Centre Framework

Council Officers have confirmed that the planning inspector for the Local Development Framework has made no changes to the New Barnet Town Centre Framework adopted in 2010 and that it is still the document that the council will use to evaluate any planning applications on the two large sites. We have reminded both supermarket companies that this is the document they must follow and that it requires family housing not small flats.

Former Toyota Site

We reported in our last newsletter that the Toyota garage and showroom in Brookhill Road had closed in January. There was concern that it could become another large redevelopment site. However it has reopened as a SEAT dealership under the Currie Motors name.

Victoria Road Sites (Alexandra Pub end)

Approval has been given to turn the former Bell and Buck public house into a funeral directors with flats above. We are aware that owners of at least three nearby sites are considering redeveloping their premises and urge the Council to consider preparing a planning brief for that area and putting it out for public consultation.

Planning Alerts

If you are interested in receiving regular email notification of planning applications near your home, we suggest that you subscribe to the Planning Alerts service operated by mysociety.org for Barnet Council.

LINK: <http://planning.barnet.mysociety.org/>

Previous Newsletters

You can still download all our previous campaign newsletters.

LINK: www.newbarnet.org.uk/documents/publicity

Regards,

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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.