

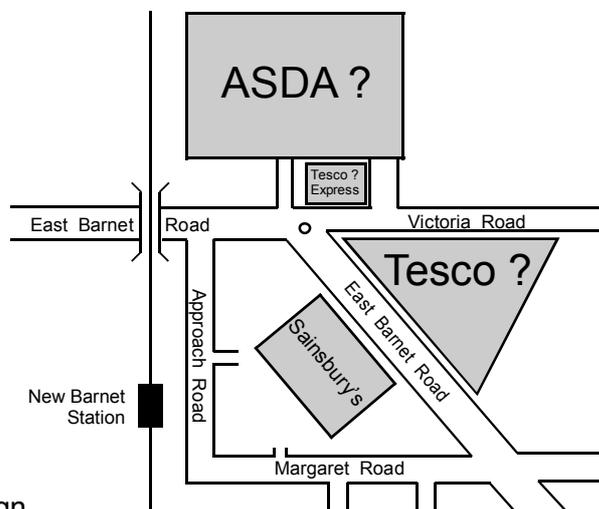
# Save New Barnet

## Newsletter

17th November 2008

Dear Friends,

Welcome to another update from the Save New Barnet Campaign.



### ASDA Superstore & Flats

Despite ASDA submitting their planning application at the end of August it has still not been registered by Barnet Council. We understand that the outstanding documentation has now been submitted to the planning department but there continues to be a delay. Until a planning application is registered by the council and has a reference number then it is not 'live' and the process of submitting formal objections cannot start.

Linden Homes withdrew from the project in late September. ASDA are possibly looking for another partner for the housing element of their scheme.

### Tesco Superstore & Flats

October saw more glossy Tesco leaflets being distributed around the area as part of a charm offensive to push the 'benefits' of their 'regeneration' scheme. If the tumbledown buildings they own at the junction of Victoria Road and East Barnet Road are anything to go by, they're not the sort of neighbours that New Barnet needs.

No planning application has yet been submitted for the Tesco multi-storey scheme, although we have heard murmurings of "*before Christmas*". However as these follow murmurings of "*September*", "*October*" and "*November*", we're not holding our breath! As soon as we hear something definite, we'll let you know.

### Tesco Express

If you have a long memory, you may remember that Tesco applied for planning permission to build a Tesco Express at 7-11 Victoria Road at the end of January 2008. A decision was due by March but nothing more was heard about this application as it failed to progress through the council's planning department.

On 13th October, Tesco made an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate over the non-determination of their application within the statutory time period. (In layman's terms, that means the council didn't make their minds up in time!) The decision is therefore now in the hands of an Inspector at a planning enquiry sometime in the future.

In the meantime, the application will go before the Chipping Barnet Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday 18th November (7.00 pm at Barnet House, Whetstone). The committee are obliged to indicate what decision they would have made if it had come before them as normal.

Curiously, Tesco put in yet another planning application for a Tesco Express on this site on 5th November 2008. It seems like Tesco are hell-bent on pressurising the council into approving this site. It's a shame they aren't so quick to stop the two buildings mentioned above from falling into a sad state of dereliction.

### A Vision For New Barnet

We're currently consulting with a team of architects to come up with a sustainable alternative to the ASDA and Tesco plans. We believe that the two sites (Gasworks and Optex) can be redeveloped to benefit the community without the disruption and traffic havoc that two additional large-scale superstores would bring.

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## Show Your Support

Independent research carried out in New Barnet shows that a huge majority of the local residents oppose the proposed development of supermarkets by Tesco and ASDA. You can show your support for the Save New Barnet campaign by displaying a poster in your window. You'll find an A4 poster is attached to this newsletter, and other versions can be downloaded from the website. We now also have some car stickers to further spread the message.

## Community Events

We are now entering the Christmas Fair season. As a community organisation, we are planning to have stalls at a number of these local events to promote our campaign.

The first of these events is at:

New Barnet Community Centre  
48/50 Victoria Road  
Saturday 22nd November  
12 noon to 3 pm.

We'll let you know as soon as the rest of the events have been confirmed. Please try to come along if you can - it's a great opportunity to show your support for local schools and our campaign at the same time.

## Water Mains Renewal

In case you missed their advert in the local papers, Three Valleys Water have just started a programme of water mains renewal in the New Barnet area which will continue until October 2010. Just think, next time you sit in a traffic jam caused by their diversions and road closures, how much worse it'll be if Tesco and ASDA are allowed to build their superstores!

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Do check our website regularly for news and further information about the campaign and developments in New Barnet. You can also join in the debate on our discussion forum.

## Newsletter

This newsletter can be downloaded from the website as a printable PDF.  
[www.newbarnet.org.uk/documents/publicity](http://www.newbarnet.org.uk/documents/publicity)

Why not print off some copies for your neighbours to let them know the latest campaign news? If they have internet access, please encourage them to sign up online to get their own copy direct by email.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Regards,

Save New Barnet Campaign Team

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