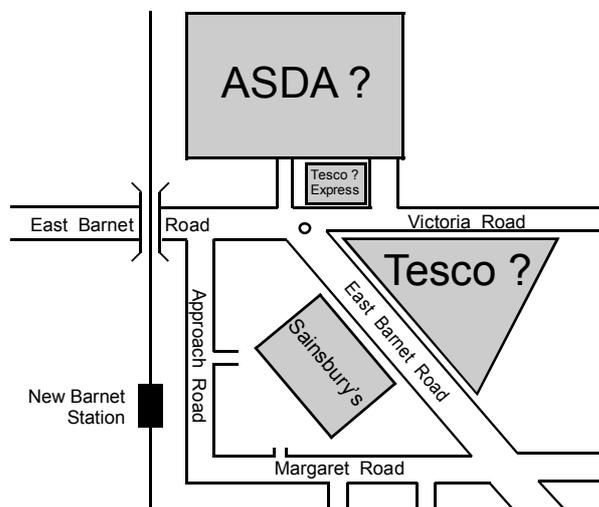


Save New Barnet

Newsletter

18th March 2010



Dear Friends,

CONSULTATION DEADLINE 23rd MARCH

The deadline for you to submit your comments to Barnet Council on the 'New Barnet Town Centre Framework' consultation is Tuesday 23rd March. Many thanks to all of you who have already sent their feedback to the planners. If you have not yet got round to responding **PLEASE DO IT TODAY**.

The easiest way to respond and support **Option 1** is to use our template letter. Another copy is attached to this newsletter. The text of the letter is also available in 'Word' format if you wish to use it as the starting point for your own letter containing any additional points you wish to make.

Your feedback should be sent to: London Borough of Barnet
Major Developments Team
North London Business Park
Oakleigh Road South
London
N11 1NP

or emailed to: towncentreplanning@barnet.gov.uk

Details of the Framework Consultation were in our recent newsletters, available from www.newbarnet.org.uk where you can also find links to all the documents. (The council have finally added a copy of the exhibition display boards to their website, 3 weeks into a 4 week consultation process.)

Support Option 1

The Save New Barnet Campaign Team strongly suggest that you should support Option 1 over the two other options presented. Building supermarkets on either the Gasworks or OpTex sites will create increased vehicle use at a traffic bottleneck. Major retail developments would also have a serious negative effect on the viability of shops in East Barnet Village and High Barnet.

Option 1 - 'A Consolidated High Street'

- No new major retail development.
- Shopping to be focussed on a core area of East Barnet Road around existing Sainsbury's store
- Residential developments on the Gasworks and OpTex sites.

Option 2 - 'A Compact and Intensive High Street'

- Shopping concentrated on a core area of East Barnet Road.
- A major new retail development on the OpTex site and East Barnet Road frontages. (The OpTex site is owned by Tesco)
- Residential development on the Gasworks site.

Option 3 - 'An Extended High Street'

- Extension of the shopping area on to the Gasworks site.
- Significant retail development on Gasworks site. (The Gasworks site is owned by ASDA)
- Residential development on the OpTex site and northern part of the Gasworks site.

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Understanding The Issues

We try our best in these newsletters, but the various development plans for New Barnet can be complex for people to understand and digest. Members of the campaign team are available to speak at meetings of local groups and answer questions. If you would like to organise a speaker at a meeting of an organisation you belong to, please contact us via email.

JCoSS

The Jewish Community Secondary School (JCoSS) opens in September 2010, in new buildings constructed at Westbrook Crescent, New Barnet. The site is being vacated by East Barnet School who are moving onto a single site with a new building at Chestnut Grove, East Barnet.

BSCAEG (Barnet Safe Children And Environment Group) fought a major campaign over the environment and transport details of the JCoSS planning application. Despite strong local objections, the council granted permission to build the school in August 2007. A large road has now been built across Livingstone Primary School's playing field, immediately adjacent to Hadley Woods. A new bridge across Pymmes Brook connects the road to the junction of Castlewood and Northfield Roads, both narrow residential streets. All JCoSS vehicular traffic will have pass directly in front of the entrance to Livingstone Primary School.

Recently you may have read letters from local residents in the 'Barnet Times', expressing their concerns about traffic when JCoSS opens in less than 6 months time. We understand that these stem from a recent Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Action Panel. At this meeting concerns were raised by both the police and local residents about the volume of private car traffic expected to converge on the school via narrow residential roads.

There are plans to use private coaches to bus pupils in from Golders Green, Hendon, Mill Hill, Ilford, Palmers Green, Southgate, Bushey, Radlett, Borehamwood, Elstree, Crouch End, Highgate, Muswell Hill, Finchley, Woodside Park, Pinner, Hatch End, Northwood, Stanmore, Edgware, and Totteridge. In the planning application it was intended to drop off and pick up pupils at New Barnet Station and on the Mount Pleasant Roundabout. The actual location of these two coach stops have never been confirmed. However we have recently heard that JCoSS now want the buses to come directly onto the school site as staff are worried about the safety of pupils walking from the coach stops to the school.

A condition of the JCoSS planning permission is that 6 months before the school opens, a travel plan must be submitted to, and approved by, the council. We understand that a first meeting for local residents to discuss the school travel plan will be held sometime in May. It would appear that despite promises, JCoSS have not involved the local community in consultation on the travel plan since they were granted planning permission over two and a half years ago.

Thank you for your continued support

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.

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address

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Re: **New Barnet Town Centre Framework Consultation**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Here is my response to the New Barnet Town Centre Framework.

New Barnet and East Barnet are residential areas, each with local shopping facilities. I want these areas to retain their residential character.

New Barnet is not a 'District Town Centre' and should be re-designated as a 'Local Centre' like East Barnet Village.

I do not wish to see major new retail and supermarket developments that are likely to cause major disruption and attract more traffic to the area.

I wish to see the Council pursue policies that actively encourage and support independently owned shops and businesses.

I wish to see the Victorian and Edwardian character of this Suburban Railway Village preserved.

I do not wish to see tall buildings encouraged in the centre of New Barnet.

Schemes to improve the quality of the local environment and of retail outlets should be encouraged, but we do not require a greater number of shops in the area. Any expansion of New Barnet's retail capacity would serve to undermine the viability of shops in East Barnet Village.

I prefer '**Option 1 - A Consolidated High Street**' of the three alternatives presented in the New Barnet Town Centre Framework as it contains no new major retail development and instead offers residential development on the Gasworks and OpTex sites.

Yours faithfully,

signature

full name (print)

I have added further comments overleaf