

# Save New Barnet

## Newsletter



18th March 2020

Hello again, friends of the Save New Barnet Campaign.

### Victoria Quarter

As you will be aware, due to concern over coronavirus, Fairview New Homes and One Housing cancelled their exhibition of updated plans for the large Victoria Quarter development site (the old gas works in Albert Road) that was due to take place on the 12th & 14th March. Despite the loss of this important part of their public engagement, they are continuing with this second phase of consultation and are keeping their **deadline of 5pm on Friday 27th March for your response.**

The exhibition boards that would have been on display can be found as a pdf on their website.

LINK: <https://victoriaquarter.consultationonline.co.uk/our-current-proposals-march-2020/>

The main changes made since their January exhibition are a reduction of 40 homes and the maximum height of blocks from 14 to 10 storey. It remains a massive increase from the already agreed scheme for the site.

Already Consented One Housing Scheme	January 2020 Proposal from Fairview / One Housing	March 2020 Proposal from Fairview / One Housing
371 homes	692 homes	652 homes
Mews houses (2 storey) Town houses (3 storey) Flats (4 to 6 storey, and one 8 storey block)	Flats only (4 to 10 storey, and one 14 storey block)	Flats only (blocks up to 10 storey)
1 bed units - 84 2 bed units - 174 3 bed units - 83 4 bed units - 30	1 bed flats - 200 2 bed flats - 359 3 bed flats - 132	unit mix unknown
396 car parking spaces	404 car parking spaces	392 car parking spaces

Publicity for their second exhibition promised “detailed designs”, yet in many areas the information presented on the exhibition boards contained LESS detail than before. Information that appears unavailable includes: the heights of the various blocks, the mix of 1, 2, or 3 bed units, the overall density of the scheme, and the actual distance between blocks.

**We strongly encourage you to visit their website to look at the information presented and give your feedback. Even if you gave feedback before, it is important to do this at EVERY round of consultation.**

Fairview / One Housing project team contact info:

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Web: [www.victoriaquarter.consultationonline.co.uk](http://www.victoriaquarter.consultationonline.co.uk)

Consultation Deadline: **5pm Friday 27th March 2020**

Following the end of this consultation, they are intending to submit a planning application as early as April.

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## Survey

We have put together a short online survey to better find out what the local community currently think. It should only take a few minutes to complete. The data generated by this survey will help guide our response to the Victoria Quarter plans. Once you have completed the survey, please encourage your friends and neighbours in New Barnet to do so too.

LINK: <https://surveyhero.com/c/VictoriaQuarter>

## Betrayal of Trust

In a strongly worded statement, local MP Theresa Villiers has declared her opposition to the new plans being put forward for the Victoria Quarter development.

*"It's hugely disappointing that One Housing and Fairview are trying to depart from the previous planning permission that reflected local concerns about the development. This was a carefully agreed compromise and the decision by One Housing to rip that up is a betrayal of the trust and I and others placed in them when we backed their previous application for planning permission. Their new proposals would involve a massive overdevelopment of the site, with a significant negative impact on the surrounding neighbourhood. Local roads and infrastructure would be placed under unacceptable pressure. I will be campaigning strongly against these revised plans. I believe One Housing should stick with the planning permission it has already been given for the smaller scheme and I urge residents to oppose this overdevelopment threat."*

## What Else Can I Do?

Talk to your friends and neighbours and ensure they are aware of the latest plans and how they can give feedback to the developers. You can always 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).

Can you help our campaign? Do you have particular skills that could help us? Legal, planning, architectural, press, PR, social media? The success of SNB over the last 12 years is that it has always been a people powered campaign and we are looking to build up our team once again as we prepare to fight another inappropriate development in the heart of our community. Contact details below.

## Cockfosters Station Car Park Development

The previously announced Save Cockfosters public meeting on Thursday 19 March has been CANCELLED.

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.