



**1st December 2020**

Hello again, friends of the Save New Barnet Campaign.

An update on the Victoria Quarter planning application, and an **urgent call to action**.

### **Victoria Quarter Planning Application (Gasworks Site)**

Fairview's planning application for 652 mainly one and two bedroom flats on the Gasworks site went to Barnet's planning committee on 2nd September where Councillors unanimously rejected the plans. At the following planning committee meeting on 13th October the Councillors voted unanimously again on the specific grounds for refusal of Fairview's plans.

Due to the size of the development it has to be referred to the Mayor of London for final determination, known as a Stage Two Referral. This has now happened and the Mayor has just 14 days to decide whether to allow Barnet's decision to stand, or to take over the planning application himself. If the Mayor takes over the application (Stage Three), a public hearing is then held at which he can choose to either approve or reject the plans. The Mayor now has until 9th December to make his Stage Two decision. It is clearly in our interest that the Mayor chooses to accept the decision of Barnet's planning committee so that Fairview's current plans cannot continue any further.

### **Urgent Action Required**

It is vital that the Mayor fully understands the concerns of local residents before taking his decision, so we are asking everyone who objected to the scheme previously to let the Mayor know what you think. If we do not, he may overturn Barnet's decision and allow the developers to carry on regardless. The 1049 objections registered gave your Councillors a clear guide to local opinion when it came to making their decision on Fairview's plans. We are asking you to raise your voices again, to give a clear guide to the Mayor of London, asking him to concur with Barnet's decision and refuse the Victoria Quarter planning application.

We have discovered that the comments function on the GLA website does not work and will not be fixed for some time. Therefore we are asking you to email the Mayor of London directly - **[mayor@london.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@london.gov.uk)**

Please use the subject line: **GLA Application Reference 2020/6213/S2 - Objection**

In the body of your email you must include the following information along with your comments:

- Your Full Name
- Your Address
- Your Stance - "Object"

The Mayor has been provided with all the public representations submitted to Barnet's planners earlier this year. Therefore your email comments can be brief, to simply underline why Barnet Council's decision to refuse this planning application needs to be upheld.

Please take a few minutes to send an email as soon as possible before **Wednesday 9th December** to let the Mayor know your views. **Every comment counts.**

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### Application Details

If you wish to refer back to Fairview's planning application, and all the public comments made, the reference number 20/1719/FUL should be used to find it in the planning section of [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk) or use the direct link below.

LINK: [tinyurl.com/vqappapr2020](http://tinyurl.com/vqappapr2020)

### NBCA & SNB Objection

The two detailed reports compiled by the Save New Barnet Campaign team which were submitted as part of our objection remain available for download from our website ([www.newbarnet.org.uk](http://www.newbarnet.org.uk)).

- "Victoria Quarter - Overdevelopment and Poor Design" details why the planning application should be rejected.
- "Appraisal of Design Proposals - New Barnet Victoria Quarter" contrasts the approved planning application for 371 homes on the gasworks site and Fairview's planning application for 652 flats.

That's all for now.

Regards,


Save New Barnet Campaign Team



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*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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