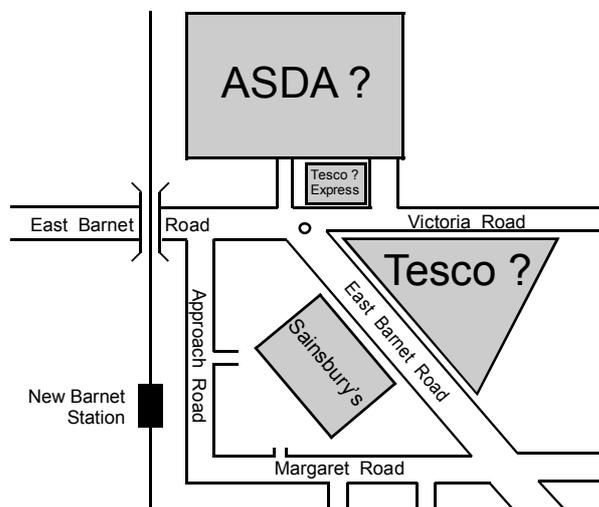


# Save New Barnet

## Newsletter

21st April 2010



Dear Friends,

With elections coming up fast, it seems that there's plenty of political mileage to be made out of New Barnet at present. It has come to our attention that the East Barnet Ward Conservatives have been distributing an election leaflet that starts with the following paragraph:

*"Fighting Against Supermarket Development in East Barnet  
Your Conservative Councillors in East Barnet have been leading the battle against  
the supermarkets - we do not want to see these monstrosities in New Barnet."*

Despite what their publicity implies, we can categorically state that Conservative Councillors have **NOT** been leading this battle. This role has been taken by the Save New Barnet Campaign which has been working tirelessly on research, newsletters, petitioning, and campaigning for over two years to keep local residents fully informed of the development plans by Tesco and Asda and to provide a robust challenge to their proposals. Such political opportunism does a disservice to the team of volunteers behind our non party political group.

We are pleased to learn that candidates standing for election have decided to follow the lead of the Save New Barnet Campaign, and have recognised the strength of feeling about the threat of large-scale redevelopment in New Barnet. Residents will expect ALL candidates and their parties to follow through the campaign pledges they have made, should they be elected to represent the local community.

### Tesco Express - Greenhill Parade

You may have noticed that the former 'Barnet Marine Centre' opposite the Odeon has recently been boarded up. The lease on the triple shop unit at 7-9 Greenhill Parade (most recently a furniture shop) has been owned by Tesco since July 2009.

This will potentially be the fourth Tesco Express in the area, which fits their business plan to have a store every 1000m so that a customer is never more than 500m from a Tesco in urban areas. They already operate stores at 186 East Barnet Road, 64-66 High Street Barnet, and have planning permission to build a Tesco Express at 7-11 Victoria Road.

See this map: <http://tinyurl.com/texpnb>

A planning application is currently with Barnet Council for alterations to the roof, access stairs and back doors of the rear extension. It is notable that the lengthy planning application document avoids ever naming Tesco (it has been submitted by the same agent as they used for the Victoria Road plans). This planning application does not include any changes to the shop front or internal arrangements, but does strongly assert the retail use of the site.

You can read the details here: <http://tinyurl.com/texodeon>

Elsewhere Tesco have submitted planning applications for shop front changes, signs and cash machines when all of the building work is nearly complete and it is too late for any significant objections.

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## **'New Barnet Town Centre Framework' Consultation**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit responses to the recent consultation. We await further news on which option has been chosen for the future of New Barnet after the elections.

## **Gas Crisis**

The report of the council's ad-hoc scrutiny committee formed to examine the December 2009 Gas Crisis in East and New Barnet has finally been published online. <http://tinyurl.com/gasreport>

It probably wasn't worth the wait. It is a superficial report of the events, with no real analysis of the facts or understanding of why things went wrong. The 9 recommendations are weak and don't address some of the real concerns that were raised.

## **JCoSS**

The Jewish Community Secondary School (JCoSS) opens in September 2010, in new buildings being constructed at Westbrook Crescent, New Barnet. 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. The local community should be involved in consultation on the travel plan by JCoSS.

Following discussions between New Barnet Community Association (NBCA) and JCoSS, an open meeting for local residents to discuss the school travel plan and other issues will be now held at 8 pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The meeting is being organised by NBCA at the Community Centre in Victoria Road. JCoSS representatives will speak at the meeting and answer your questions.

## **General Election - 6th May 2010**

As you can't fail to have noticed, there will a parliamentary election in a few weeks time. There will be a meeting for the public to question the candidates for MP for Chipping Barnet at 8 pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The hustings are being organised by 'Churches Together in Chipping Barnet' at St John the Baptist Church (at the junction of Barnet High Street and Wood Street - 'Barnet Church').

Details of the elections and the candidates standing are on the Barnet Council website: <http://tinyurl.com/barnetelect>

## **Council Election - 6th May 2010**

In addition to the forthcoming General Election, on the same day there will also be an election for all 63 seats on Barnet Council. The London Borough of Barnet is divided into 21 areas known as wards. Each ward elects 3 Councillors. New Barnet is covered by 3 wards - East Barnet Ward, High Barnet Ward and Oakleigh Ward. You can vote for up to 3 candidates to represent you as councillors in your ward at the local council election.

**East Barnet Ward** - the area east of the railway line.

There are 15 candidates standing here for the 3 seats.

Official list of candidates nominated: [www.barnet.gov.uk/east-barnet-nominations2010.pdf](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/east-barnet-nominations2010.pdf)

Map showing ward location and candidates: <http://tinyurl.com/ebward>

**High Barnet Ward** - The area west of the railway line and north of Station Road.

There are 12 candidates standing here for the 3 seats.

Official list of candidates nominated: [www.barnet.gov.uk/highbarnet-ward-nominations2010.pdf](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/highbarnet-ward-nominations2010.pdf)

Map showing ward location and candidates: <http://tinyurl.com/hbward>

**Oakleigh Ward** - the area west of the railway line and south of Station Road.

There are 10 candidates standing here for the 3 seats.

Official list of candidates nominated: [www.barnet.gov.uk/oakleigh-ward-nominations2010.pdf](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/oakleigh-ward-nominations2010.pdf)

Map showing ward location and candidates: <http://tinyurl.com/okward>

## **What Are The Candidates Saying On Local Issues?**

The main way that candidates publicise their campaigns at elections is through leaflets. However you sometimes don't get to see literature from all the candidates. "The Straight Choice" website - [www.thestraightchoice.org](http://www.thestraightchoice.org) - is collecting copies of all election literature across the country.

It is easy to scan or photograph leaflets you have received and upload them to the site so that everyone can see what the candidates are saying.

Election leaflets that have been delivered in Chipping Barnet can be found here:  
[www.thestraightchoice.org/leaflets.php?n=chipping\\_barnet](http://www.thestraightchoice.org/leaflets.php?n=chipping_barnet)

In New Barnet we want to see what all the candidates are saying on local issues, so that we can hold them to their promises if they are elected. If you are unable to upload leaflets directly yourself, you are welcome to leave copies at the Community Centre with a note of the date and your postcode so that we know when and where they were delivered.

## **Newsletter**

Do pass this newsletter on to friends and neighbours. If you have received this newsletter 'second hand', please sign up to receive your own copy by email on our website.

Copies of our previous newsletters are still available on our website:  
[www.newbarnet.org.uk/documents/publicity](http://www.newbarnet.org.uk/documents/publicity)

## **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.