

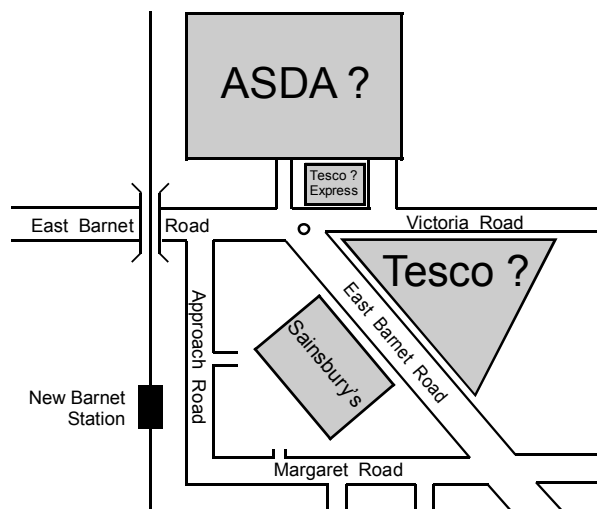
Save New Barnet

Newsletter

22nd February 2010

Dear Friends,

Hello again from the Save New Barnet Campaign Team.



New Barnet Town Centre Framework - Draft

Barnet Council have employed consultants to prepare a document which outlines options for the future of the main shopping area in New Barnet. When it is finalised, the document is intended to provide a clear idea of how New Barnet Town Centre should be planned and designed. In this way it should help to ensure any future development in New Barnet takes place in a well planned and coordinated manner. This document is intended to be an expression of what both the Council and the Local Community want to see developed in the area.

At this stage the document is a draft and contains 3 options for developments or improvements to the centre of New Barnet. These are not detailed plans for particular buildings, but are suggestions for where retail and housing developments should take place.

The document was published on Monday 22nd February and a four week consultation period has now opened for your feedback. At the end of the consultation period the council will pick one of the three options to refine further, and that will become the preferred development plan for New Barnet.

In very simple terms the three options currently proposed are as follows:

Option 1 - A Consolidated High Street

- Shopping focussed on a core area of East Barnet Road around existing Sainsbury's store.
- No new major retail development.
- 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.
- Residential development on the Gasworks site.

Option 3 - An Extended High Street

- Extension of the shopping area on to the Gasworks site with a significant retail development.
- Residential development on northern part of the Gasworks site
- Residential development on the OpTex site.

The framework also contains strategies for Urban Design, Transport, and Sustainability. The junction of East Barnet Road and Victoria Road is a key issue for any development and the transport strategy presents a range of options of how the junction and East Barnet Road might be changed to improve traffic flow and pedestrian access.

Public Exhibition

An exhibition of the proposals is being held at St James Church, 71 East Barnet Road, New Barnet on:

Saturday 27th February from 10 am to 5 pm
Monday 1st March from 3 pm to 8 pm

Council officers and representatives of the consultant team who wrote the document will be present at this exhibition to answer your questions.

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Public Exhibition (continued)

The exhibition material will be on display at East Barnet Library in Brookhill Road from Tuesday 2nd March to Tuesday 23rd March. Note that there will be nobody available to answer questions at the Library.

East Barnet Library opening hours: Mon, Wed & Fri 10 - 5, Tue & Thur 10 - 8, Sat 9.30 - 5

Framework Documents

The draft framework and supporting documents are all available to download from:

<http://tinyurl.com/nbtcfamework>

If you only have time to read one document, a short summary showing just the 3 options is available.

Feedback

The council is looking for your views on the draft framework and the 3 options presented. A consultation feedback form will be available at the exhibition, library and online. Please fill in the form in as much detail as possible so that the final version of the framework might reflect the desires of local residents.

Some of the tick box sections on the form are confusing and could lead to contradictory answers. If you don't understand a particular question you can always leave it out, cross it out, or clearly write your opinion.

It is vital that you submit your comments on this draft framework to Barnet Council.

The closing date for feedback is Tuesday 23rd March 2010.

New Barnet Development Sites

There are 2 large potential development sites adjacent to New Barnet's main shopping area - the gasworks site (owned by ASDA) and the OpTex site (owned by Tesco). In June 2008 both ASDA and Tesco exhibited detailed plans of how they wished to develop their sites with superstores and flats, however neither have yet obtained planning permission. (Note that Tesco already have planning permission to build a 'Tesco Express' at 7-11 Victoria Road, but have not started constructing this development.)

Barnet Council Elections

All the seats on Barnet Council are up for election on May 6th. Candidates have already started canvassing door to door to ask for your vote. When they call, do ask them about their views on the potential development schemes in New Barnet.

Have they taken the time to look at the current New Barnet Framework documents? What do they think the main issues are? Which option(s) do they favour? Do they actually live in the ward they wish to represent, and would any development directly affect them? You can also take the opportunity to tell the candidates what you think they should do for the local area if they were to be elected as one of your ward councillors.

Newsletters

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Regards,
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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.