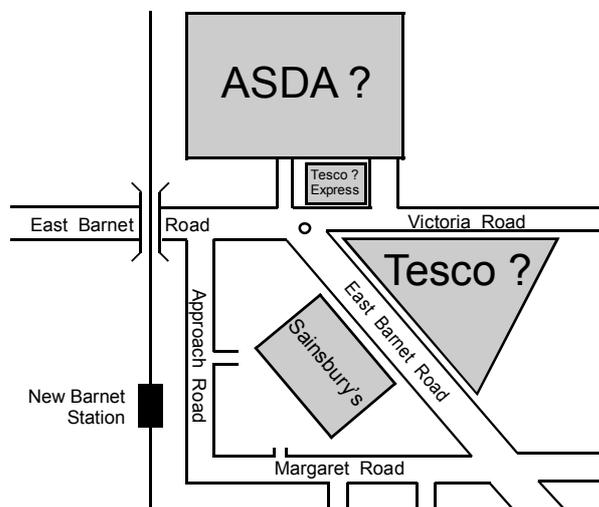


Save New Barnet

Newsletter

26th October 2014



Friends, welcome to another Save New Barnet Campaign newsletter.

Albert Road Gasworks Site (ASDA) (B/04834/14)

The deadline for public consultation on the planning application for the gasworks site has been extended to 5th November, due to a public notice not being published in the local press on time.

We would urge you to write to the planners to insist that the all the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that the developers will have to pay is used here in New Barnet, and not elsewhere in the borough.

This is a major development and the £3.5million CIL money generated should be directly reinvested in New Barnet to mitigate the impact on the local community.

The plan for the gasworks site is for 306 homes (274 flats and 32 houses) in buildings varying from three to six storeys high, plus a very small amount of commercial space.

For more information see the 7th October SNB Newsletter, or view the detailed plans online at the council's planning department website: www.tinyurl.com/gasworks2014

The Save New Barnet Campaign feels that the proposals for the site are probably the best that we are likely to get. We are aware that there is pressure from external bodies for a much higher density development of many more flats in much taller blocks. The plan that has been submitted addresses both our local community's aspirations and a developer's need for a commercially viable development.

When writing to the planning department you may wish to support, object or be neutral in your comments about the proposed development. **However, the SNB campaign would strongly urge you to mention the issue of benefit to the local community, and in particular the importance of keeping the CIL money from this development in New Barnet.** Unless we all make a noise now, we fear this significant pot of cash may end up being used to prop up projects on the other side of the borough, such as the Brent Cross redevelopment.

There is a very strong desire for a public swimming pool (to replace Church Farm Pool) to be located in the area close to Victoria Recreation Ground, including a park café and toilets. Improvements to local road junctions and safety measures, increased school places and other public services are also required to mitigate the impact of such a large development.

Together we fought (and won!) our fight against both Tesco and ASDA building huge superstores and multi storey blocks of flats in the centre of New Barnet. The community came up with a long list of desires that became our 'Vision for New Barnet'. The wish for leisure facilities was again highlighted in the Statement of Community Involvement in this planning application. This is our chance to possibly make some of these desires come to reality. All it takes is a few minutes online or sending a short email.

Please contact the Council's Planning Department as soon as possible.

Your comments can be lodged online via the relevant page: www.tinyurl.com/gasworks2014

Or directly contact the major projects team principal planner Jason Traves (jason.traves@barnet.gov.uk)

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Alternatively, Barnet Council's planning department can be contacted via:

Email: planning.enquiry@barnet.gov.uk

Phone: 020 8359 3000

Post: Planning Reception (2nd floor), Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 0EJ

We suggest that you also send a copy of your comments to your local councillors, or visit them at one of their local surgeries (www.newbarnet.org.uk/action/councillors).

East Barnet Ward Councillors:

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The Save New Barnet Campaign (contact details at end of this newsletter) is also always interested in hearing your views.

Remember the closing date for comments to the Planning Department is **5th November 2014**, and to quote reference number **B/04834/14** in all correspondence.

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.