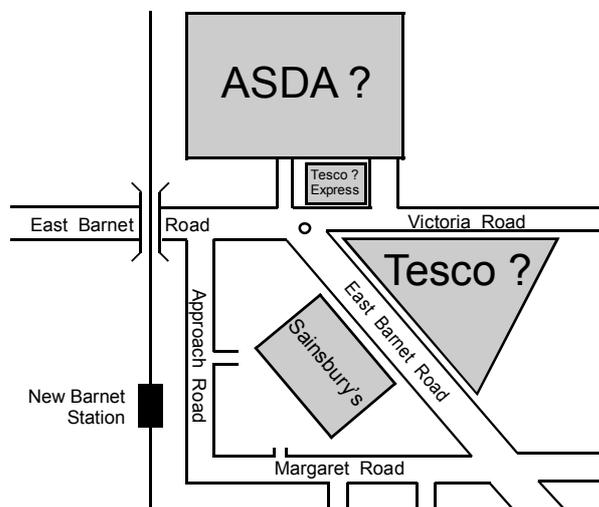


Save New Barnet

Newsletter

30th June 2014



Friends,

Welcome to another Save New Barnet Campaign newsletter.

133 East Barnet Road (The Alexandra)

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, a planning application has been made to redevelop the disused Alexandra Pub at 133 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, EN4 8RF.

The application (B/02905/14) is for:

“Demolition of existing buildings and erection of three storey building including 12no. rows solar panels to roof, 15 off street parking spaces, refuse/recycling facilities and alterations to hard/soft landscaping; to facilitate creation of 15no. self-contained flats.”

The owners of the site, Optic Realm (opticrealm.co.uk), held a public exhibition of their plans last Tuesday evening and a good number of local residents turned out to have a look at the proposals. It is a great shame that they did not hold their consultation event BEFORE submitting their planning application.

There are many positive aspects to the planned development in terms of height and following the long established building line along this part of East Barnet Road. There are fifteen 1 & 2 bedroom flats, including a wheelchair accessible unit. One parking space is provided per flat which is lower than we would like to see, but this is within the permitted range for smaller units in an urban setting. The site is not suitable for family houses, so optimum use is being made of the location. The number of flats, habitable rooms and size of rooms meet the local plan criteria.

However, there are a number of design elements that give rise to great concern:

- One element has generated almost universal revulsion amongst those who have seen the artists impressions - a large black two storey projecting balcony on the corner of Victoria Road.
- The irregularly shaped and excessively bulky dormer windows which are out of character with the rest of the street on the East Barnet Road elevation.
- A two metre high solid brick wall along the Victoria Road frontage.



Having heard the views of residents, the representatives of Optic Realm expressed their willingness to modify their design. Unfortunately they have already submitted a formal planning application containing these ugly features. We are therefore asking you to send in your objections to Barnet Council's planning department.

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Full details of the planning application can be found here:
tinyurl.com/133eastbarnetroad

Please write to the case officer, Elizabeth Sutherland, to object to the planning application, quoting reference number **B/02905/14** in all letters or emails.

Email: elizabeth.sutherland-thomas@barnet.gov.uk

Phone: 020 8359 4986

Post: Planning Services, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London, N11 1NP

Spenn Hill (Tesco) Development

A new hoarding has gone up around 15 East Barnet Road in preparation for building work to start on the residential development of the three sites owned by Spenn Hill.

Councillors Surgeries

Following the local election on 22 May, there are three new councillors representing East Barnet Ward.

- Cllr Rebecca Challice
- Cllr Philip Cohen
- Cllr Laurie Williams

If you wish to speak to them in person about local issues they will be holding surgeries most Saturdays from 5th July. No appointment is necessary.

Every first and third Saturday of the month

10.30 am - 12 noon at New Barnet Community Centre, 48/50 Victoria Road, EN4 9PF

Every second and fourth Saturday of the month

10.30 am - 12 noon at East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, East Barnet, EN4 8SG

Planning Applications

Where possible we have included (in brackets) the reference numbers for planning applications so that you may more easily find the details on Barnet's website: acolaidpublic.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications

If you are interested in receiving regular email notification of planning applications near your home, we suggest that you subscribe to the Planning Alerts service: planning.barnet.mysociety.org

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.