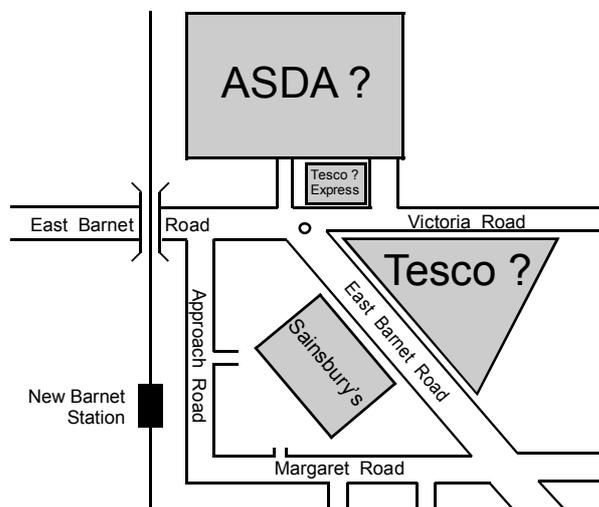


# Save New Barnet

## Newsletter

4th December 2009



## Barnet Planners actively encourage superstores and flats in New Barnet!

4th January is the deadline for you to comment on proposals which could change the character of New Barnet for the next 100 years.

Barnet Council is introducing a Local Development Framework (LDF) that identifies where growth will take place in the borough. You have until 4th January 2010 to send your views on this document to the council. In the LDF the planners have **earmarked New Barnet as an area for growth** and within their policies they are encouraging more flats and more retail development such as large superstores. This is in direct opposition to what the people of New Barnet want.

In the research we carried out last year you, the residents of New Barnet, said that you like the “village feel” of the area and its sense of community. You stated clearly that you wanted family homes, not small flats and that you did not want another superstore. The research also identified that this is a very stable community with 47% of residents having lived in the area for more than 20 years. More flats will also put much greater pressure on essential services such as local schools, doctors & dentists. More superstores will generate much more traffic. Through the overwhelming popular opposition to Asda’s planning application, you made it clear that you want the area to retain its residential character, not to become a busy retail park.

Save New Barnet campaigners have been through the LDF documents which are complex, difficult to read and full of jargon. In plain English, what it proposes is bad news for New Barnet. We are concerned that if the LDF is accepted as it stands it will **destroy the character of the area** and will lead to **much more traffic**.

### Where do I find out more information?

A copy of the LDF is available at Barnet Libraries, or you can look at all the documents online on Barnet Council’s website <http://tinyurl.com/BarnetLDF>

### What can I do?

We have attached a copy of a template letter which you can sign and send to the Council. You may not think that helps, but during the Asda planning application **every single letter you sent was counted**.

All you have to do is add the date and your address to the top of the letter, and at the bottom, sign and print your name legibly, Also tick whether you would like the council to inform you of the progress of the LDF. Pop your completed letter in an envelope and post it to the address shown.

It will only take you one minute and the cost of a stamp.

**PLEASE DO IT TODAY-** before Christmas and New Year festivities intervene!

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## What can I do? (continued)

Copies of the template letter (and this newsletter) are available to download from the Save New Barnet Campaign website. Pass them on to friends and neighbours and encourage them to get involved.  
[www.newbarnet.org.uk/documents/publicity](http://www.newbarnet.org.uk/documents/publicity)

You can also speak to your local councillors about your concerns at one of their 'surgery' sessions held at local venues on Saturdays.

Details of the 3 Wards covering New Barnet:  
[www.newbarnet.org.uk/action/councillors.php](http://www.newbarnet.org.uk/action/councillors.php)

Councillors surgery dates:  
[www.newbarnet.org.uk/action/dates.php](http://www.newbarnet.org.uk/action/dates.php)

## What happens if I do nothing?

If you do nothing there is a very real risk that the planning policy will be passed as it stands.

That will act as a **green light for Tesco, Asda** and other developers to submit their planning applications and there will be very little we can do to stop them - because it will be the new planning policy.

Doing nothing now could mean **New Barnet changes beyond recognition** over the next few years into a retail park with lots of blocks of flats – something we all want to avoid.

## Sign and send the template letter to Barnet Council by 4th January.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Regards,

Save New Barnet Campaign Team

## Save New Barnet Campaign

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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.

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy Direction of Travel – Comments**

I wish to register the following comments regarding the LDF Core Strategy Direction of Travel document and the way in which the proposed policies will have a negative impact on the quality of life in New Barnet.

**Policy CS1** states that New Barnet is one of the six largest town centres in Barnet. This is factually incorrect. **New Barnet is in fact the smallest district town centre** sited entirely within LB Barnet as measured by either number of units or total floorspace. This is set out clearly in Appendix 2C of the GVA Grimley Town Centre Floorspace Needs Assessment dated April 2009. In addition, New Barnet is identified in the London Plan as one of the smallest district centres in Greater London.

**I therefore wish the reference to New Barnet to be deleted from Policy CS1 and at section 7.1.10**

**Policy CS2** states that Barnet will promote the following sustainable locations with good access to public transport as the main focus of enhancement and **major infill housing development**. In the same policy it makes reference to the **A110 East Barnet Road as one of these locations**. The Barnet Characterisation Study states that in New Barnet, “There is an overall consistency of massing within the built form, with most residential units rising to two or three storeys at most”. There is a significant risk that identifying East Barnet Road as a location for **major infill housing development** will put it in direct conflict with the evidence of the Characterisation Study.

**I therefore wish the reference to New Barnet or A110 East Barnet Road to be removed from Policy CS2 and from sections 7.1.11, 8.1.8 and 8.1.9**

**Policy CS4** states that you will realise development opportunities in New Barnet yet it provides no details of what those development opportunities include. This policy is far too vague and ambiguous. It should either be made more specific or deleted.

**I therefore wish you to remove the reference to New Barnet in Policy CS4**

**Policy CS6** states that you will encourage new mixed use commercial floorspace in New Barnet where access to public transport is good. At this time it is unclear as to what will be the outcome of the Town Centre Framework and therefore advocating a policy of promoting mixed use commercial floor space may preclude other options such as residential development.

**I therefore wish you to remove the reference to New Barnet from Policy CS6**

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full name (print)

Yes  No

I wish to be notified when the Core Strategy Direction of Travel is adopted.