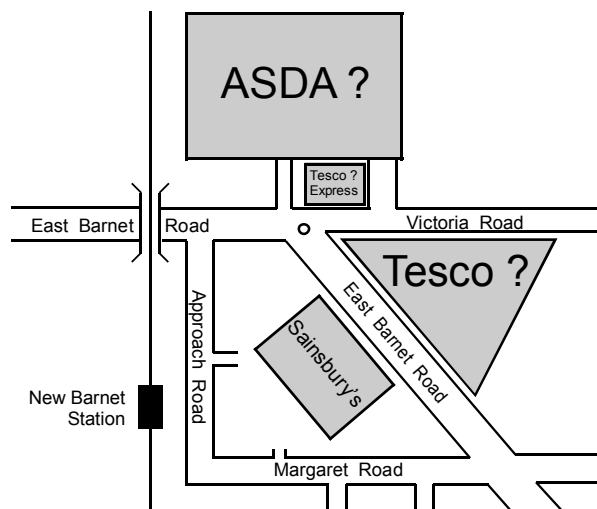


Save New Barnet

Newsletter

5th April 2009



Dear Friends,

Welcome to another update from the Save New Barnet Campaign.

ASDA Objection Letters & Emails

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has submitted their comments to Barnet Council.

The Planning Department have been overwhelmed with the number of responses and they have a backlog of letters and emails still to process. At the time of writing their website shows that more than 800 objections have been received.

<http://tinyurl.com/asdaplans>

We have been assured that letters and emails will still be accepted up to 15th April.

A large number of objections gives your Councillors a clear indication of the strength of feeling in the local community when it comes to casting their vote on the proposals at the planning committee meeting.

If you, or another member of your household has not yet submitted their objection, please do so quickly.

It is not too late to play your part.

EVERY LETTER & EMAIL COUNTS

Support from our local Member of Parliament

Theresa Villiers MP spoke at the public meeting held at St James' Church on 19th March. She confirmed her opposition to ASDA's planning application for a superstore in New Barnet. Following the meeting she issued a press release which included the following:

"I pay tribute to the brilliant work of the Save New Barnet Campaign and the New Barnet Community Association in organising a hugely informative meeting to analyse and discuss the planning application Asda has submitted for a new superstore."

"What I have learned this evening has firmly confirmed my view that this proposal for a superstore in New Barnet would not be good for our community here. I have been concerned from the outset about the impact of increased levels of traffic if the superstore goes ahead. The meeting was told the bad news that Asda's proposals would mean a thousand more cars an hour at peak time."

"Another source of major concern is that the new store could have a detrimental effect on surrounding retailers, with the impact felt beyond New Barnet to Whetstone and Barnet High Street as well."

"I will continue to oppose this planning application and support the excellent campaign being run by local residents on this important issue. I would urge people to take part in the planning process by submitting their views to the Council. Full details of how to do this can be found at the Save New Barnet website at www.newbarnet.org.uk."

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Petition

The Save New Barnet Campaign are continuing to collect signatures on the petition. This will be presented closer to the Planning Committee Meeting. Many thanks to the hundreds of you who have signed over the last few weeks. Can you spare a couple of hours to help collect further signatures? If so, please get in contact.

How To Object

Objections to the ASDA planning application should be made in writing, clearly stating your name and address.

Letters should be sent to:

London Borough of Barnet
Planning, Housing and Regeneration Service
Building 4, North London Business Park
Oakleigh Road South
London
N11 1NP

Emails should be sent to: asda.application@barnet.gov.uk

You **MUST** include the application reference number **B/00200/09** clearly on all communications.

Example ASDA Objection Letter

If you do not have time to write your own letter, or want help getting started, please feel free to use the text from our example letter attached to this newsletter. Simply add your name & address details and sent it to the address shown.

Further copies can be downloaded from:

www.newbarnet.org.uk/action/asdaobjectionlettermar09.pdf

Newsletter

This newsletter (and previous ones) can be downloaded from the website as a printable PDF:

www.newbarnet.org.uk/documents/publicity

Why not print off some copies for your neighbours to let them know the latest campaign news? If they have internet access, *please* encourage them to sign up on the website to get their own copy direct by email.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,
Save New Barnet Campaign Team

Save New Barnet Campaign

website: www.newbarnet.org.uk

email: info@newbarnet.org.uk

post: % The Community Centre, 48/50 Victoria Road, New Barnet, EN4 9PF

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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address

To: London Borough of Barnet
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Re: **B/00200/09**

ASDA Planning Application, Gas Works Site, Albert Road, New Barnet

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to object to the planned scheme on the following grounds:

1. Huge increase in traffic.

ASDA's figures anticipate an extra 900 cars an hour will be attracted to their planned superstore. Along with the redeveloped JCoSS site, this means an extra 1,500 cars per hour using East Barnet Road and surrounding local roads.

2. The size of the development.

ASDA, Tesco and Barnet Council have carried out separate studies to work out how much additional retail space is needed in New Barnet. All calculate this figure to be between 600-800 sq metres – five times less than the 3,906 sq metres planned in the ASDA development.

3. Unsympathetic with the area's existing architecture.

The centre of New Barnet is largely made up of low-rise Victorian and Edwardian buildings. Any planned development should be in keeping with the existing vernacular architectural style.

4. Inappropriate housing for the area.

With over 100 one- and two-bedroom flats lying empty in the New Barnet area, there is no need for more accommodation of this type in New Barnet. What our community is crying out for is more family-sized houses.

5. Threat to independent shops and businesses.

A supermarket of this size would squeeze out the remaining independent shops and businesses in New Barnet, as well as having a knock-on effect in neighbouring areas such as East Barnet, Cockfosters and High Barnet.

Yours faithfully,

signature

full name (print)