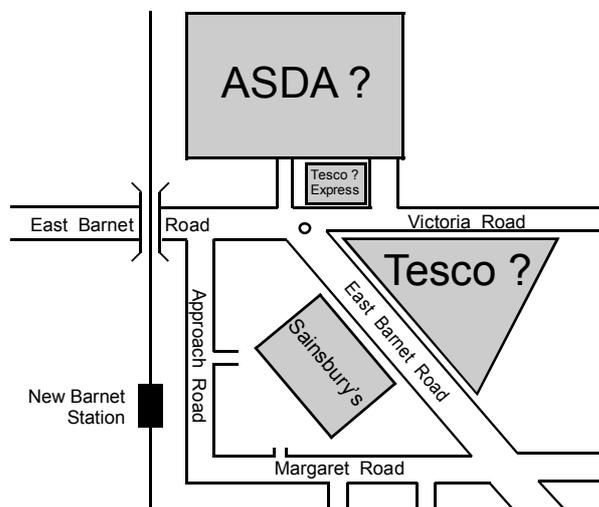


Save New Barnet

Newsletter

5th January 2010



Dear Friends,

A happy new year from the Save New Barnet Campaign Team. Thank you for your support throughout 2009 and the many kind words of encouragement (and donations) we have received.

Looking forward, who knows what plans Tesco & ASDA will come up with, but as soon as we have anything concrete we will let you know.

Local Development Framework (LDF)

In our last newsletter, we explained how Barnet Council planners have identified New Barnet as an area of growth in their new LDF document. This will make it much easier for developers to be granted planning permission to build large retail developments or blocks of flats in New Barnet.

The good news is that the consultation **DEADLINE** has now been **EXTENDED** to 5 pm on Monday 11th January. Therefore you still have few days to voice your concerns if you didn't get round to doing it before.

Another copy of our template letter is attached to this newsletter. All you have to do is add the date and your address to the top, 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.

The template letter is also on our website in both 'pdf' and 'word' format, along with all the details in the December newsletter:

www.newbarnet.org.uk/documents/publicity

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.

Power Crisis

Our commiserations to the 1000s of local residents in New & East Barnet who were without a gas supply for quite some time over Christmas. The additional loss of electricity in the Crescent Road area would appear to clearly demonstrate that the local infrastructure is already at full capacity and could not sustain the addition of hundreds of new flats.

Links to online coverage of the power crisis can be found here:

www.newbarnet.org.uk/issues/powercrisisdec09.php

New Year Resolutions

Did you make a new year resolution this year? If you couldn't think of anything new or original, can we set you a challenge?

Have you ever been to a council meeting and seen your elected representatives 'at work'?

It can be quite eye opening to see your council in action. Depending on the meeting you might be impressed / bored / appalled, or possibly all three!

An election for all the seats on Barnet Council will be held on 6th May - that is now just four months away.

Most meetings are open to the public and details can be found here:
<http://tinyurl.com/barnetcouncilmeetings>

New Barnet Community Association

The New Barnet Community Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7.45pm on Thursday 28th January. All are welcome to attend at the Community Centre, 48/50 Victoria Road.

Newsletter

Do pass this newsletter on to friends and neighbours. If you have received this newsletter 'second hand', please sign up to receive your own copy by email on our website. Having your email address is one of our most important tools as it enables us to contact a large number of people quickly and efficiently.

Thank you again 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.

date

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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

signature

full name (print)

Yes No

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