

# Save New Barnet

## Newsletter



**5th October 2016**

Hello again, friends of the Save New Barnet Campaign.

We have two items of news in this edition.

### **Victoria Quarter - Public Exhibition**

One Housing, the owners of the gasworks site in Albert Road, have announced a public exhibition & community consultation event.

- **Friday 14 October - 10am to 6pm**
- **Saturday 15 October - 1pm to 6pm**

Venue: St James Church, 71 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, EN4 8RN

Prior to submitting a planning application later this year, One Housing will be unveiling new plans for the 'gateway' into their Victoria Quarter development.

A bit of history. Around ten years ago, Tesco & Asda became embroiled in a turf war in New Barnet, buying up parcels of land in attempts to frustrate each others plans to build rival superstores on neighbouring sites. Thankfully, with widespread support from the community, we managed to stop both of these huge developments through the Save New Barnet Campaign. Tesco (via its Spenhill development arm) instead built the recently completed housing developments on their three sites in Victoria Road. Asda successfully gained planning permission for a 304 home residential development on the gasworks site in January 2015. However, without their own development arm it was always their intention to sell on their site, with the planning approval, to a specialist housing developer. In January this year we learned that One Housing had bought the gasworks site, now known as 'Victoria Quarter'.

The key to creating a successful development on the gasworks site has always been dealing with its linkage to the rest of New Barnet, particularly at the East Barnet Road / Victoria Road roundabout, and through to Victoria Recreation Ground. With both of the supermarkets now off the scene, we understand that One Housing have been able to acquire a number of properties in the Victoria Road area to create an additional 'gateway' development to add to the main gasworks site.

We are looking forward with great interest to discover the full extent of this addition to their site and see what they have got planned. Do make sure you get along to find out more and have your say.

One Housing's invitation letter can be seen on their 'Victoria Quarter' website:  
[www.victoriaquarterlondon.co.uk](http://www.victoriaquarterlondon.co.uk)

**Note:** The works currently underway on the former gasworks site are initial ground preparation. Before any housing development can take place, the site needs to be cleared and the contamination from its past industrial use dealt with through a remediation process. This should be completed by summer 2017.

## **Proposed Leisure Centre in Victoria Recreation Ground, New Barnet**

Following consultation events in March and July this year, Barnet Council have announced that they submitted a planning application to build a leisure centre (swimming pool) in Victoria Recreation Ground on 16 September 2016.

At the time of writing, the planning application has yet to be registered by Barnet Council's planning department and is not available online.

We are told that a link to the planning application will eventually appear here:  
[www.barnet.gov.uk/leisurecentredevelopment](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/leisurecentredevelopment)

That's all for now.

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.