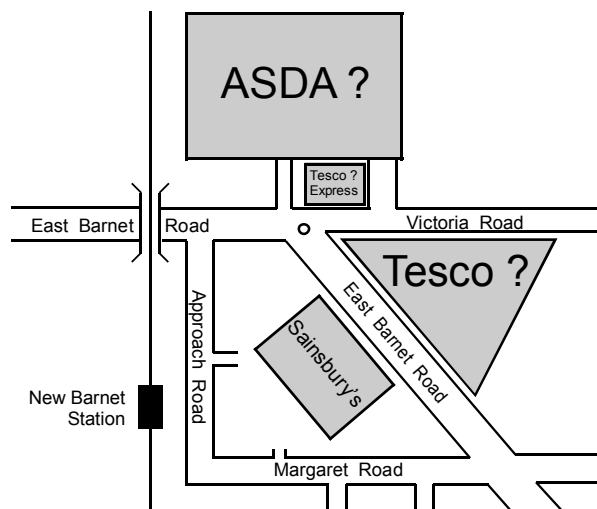


Save New Barnet

Newsletter

8th February 2010



Dear Friends,

Hello again from the Save New Barnet Campaign Team and welcome to another roundup of local news.

Local Development Framework (LDF)

Many thanks to everyone who submitted their comments to Barnet's planners during the LDF consultation which closed in early January.

The answer to a question at the recent Chipping Barnet Resident's Forum revealed the following:-

Total number of responses to borough wide LDF consultation: 321

Number of responses specifically referring to New Barnet: 271

A clear demonstration of local democracy in action! Let us hope that the planners take our views into account as they draw up the final version of the LDF over the next few months.

New Barnet Development Strategy

By now we were hoping to have announced the publication of the specific New Barnet 'Town Centre' Development Strategy by Barnet Council. However we are STILL awaiting the document, although we know local councillors had copies in late January. When it is published, there should be a full process of public exhibitions, meetings, consultation and feedback to involve all local residents.

A New Barnet development strategy has been promised for YEARS, yet due to the forthcoming local council elections on 6th May, it looks like it may be delayed yet again.

Tesco Express

You may have noticed that wooden hoardings have recently gone up outside 7-9 Greenhill Parade (opposite the Odeon - the former Barnet Marine Centre). We are expecting to see yet another Tesco Express open here within months - they took a lease on the property last June. We understand that their business plan is to have a Tesco Express within 500 metres of anyone in an urban area.

Meanwhile, at the other end of Station Road, absolutely nothing has happened at 7-11 Victoria Road where they gained planning permission last spring to build a Tesco Express. The prominent Tesco owned buildings at 7-11 Victoria Road and 15 East Barnet Road continue to fall into further disrepair, making the area look very run down. We can only assume this is a deliberate tactic.

Power Crisis - Public Meeting

Following the loss of gas in December 2009, a group of East & New Barnet residents have set up an action group. They will be holding a public meeting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10th February at New Barnet Community Centre, 48/50 Victoria Road, New Barnet. All residents who were affected by the gas cut off are invited to attend. Theresa Villiers MP and representatives of National Grid intend to be present.

A 'Facebook' group for the gas action group has been set up: <http://tinyurl.com/fbgasloss>

Coverage of the power crisis can be found here: www.newbarnet.org.uk/issues/powercrisisdec09.php

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New Barnet War Memorial

You may have read in the local press about the campaign to add missing names to the East Barnet War Memorial. At their recent AGM, New Barnet Community Association gave their support to Catherine Loveday to continue her work in New Barnet.

The war memorial in New Barnet was unveiled in March 1921 and it was encribed with the names of 278 men from New Barnet who fought valiantly in WW1 and made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom. War memorials were built all over Britain to Honour the loved ones who would never return and would remain in foreign fields, Passchendaele, the Somme and other far off countries. The local people themselves 'owned' the memorial and contributed to it according to their means.

At the end of WW2 most war memorials then had the names of their local heroes encribed on them to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. Many of these men again had no known grave, many were killed in the Battle of the Atlantic et al and the families had nowhere else to grieve but at the local memorial. High Barnet, Arkley and Totteridge all have the names of the WW2 veterans included on their memorials but not those of East and New Barnet. Now 60 years after the end of WW2 it is high time that we remembered our local heroes, they have been 'forgotten' for too long and we need to honour them and their supreme sacrifice.

In East Barnet Village, names have been researched and donations of £3,000 have been received. Hopefully the plaque with the addition of 46 names will be installed at the memorial in July.

It is now time to have the Heroes of New Barnet recognised. If you know of fathers, brothers, uncles, grandfathers who gave their lives whilst on active service in WW2 and who came from New Barnet area, please submit their details so that we can to honour and remember them in their own locality.

If you wish to make a contribution to this worthy cause, cheques should be made payable to "New Barnet Community Association (Memorial Fund)", and sent to the address below. Fundraising from local clubs and organisations, and donations from businesses are all welcome.

All correspondence and donations for the New Barnet War Memorial should be sent to:
Catherine Loveday, 16 Lullington Garth, Woodside Park, London, N12 7AP (020 8446 2024)

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Thank you for your continued support.

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.