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Hello again, friends of the Save New Barnet Campaign.

Victoria Quarter (Gasworks Site) Judicial Review

On 19th August it was announced that Fairview had lost their planning appeal over Barnet Council's refusal of their plans to build 539 flats in 13 blocks up to 7 storeys tall on the gasworks site. On 29th September Fairview served notice in the High Court that they are appealing the Planning Inspectorate's decision.

A judicial review is a process in which a judge reviews the lawfulness of a decision. This legal action is specifically between the developer (Fairview) and the Planning Inspectorate, challenging the way in which the decision was made. It is an examination of the process and rules, rather than the details of the planning application.

The Save New Barnet Campaign took an active part in the public inquiry in July as a 'Rule Six Party' which means we have been classified as an interested party in the judicial review. Alongside Barnet Council (the other interested party) we have therefore received copies of the legal papers lodged by Fairview.

As soon as we know the date of the action in the High Court we will let you know.

We sincerely hope that the Judge finds in favour of the Planning Inspectorate and this particular planning application can finally be closed. However, should the Judge agree with Fairview then this long battle is not over. As we understand it the planning appeal would be quashed but not overturned. This could mean the whole inquiry process would have to be gone through once again, but a new planning inspector could come to the exactly the same conclusion.

One of Fairview's repeated arguments is the urgent need for housing. If they had built the scheme that was consented over 5 years ago, building work would now be complete and residents would be occupying 371 good quality houses and flats. Instead, the site remains derelict as they try every possible route to squeeze out as much profit as possible.

Your support of the Save New Barnet Campaign remains vital. Please continue to talk about it with your friends and neighbours, and join in the discussion on our active Facebook group.

Forthcoming Event

There will be a 'table top sale' at the Community Centre in Victoria Road on Saturday 19th November from 2pm to 5pm. Save New Barnet will be there and are keen to hear your views about the Victoria Quarter, explain the details of the Judicial Review, and encourage new members to get more involved.

That's all the news 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.
