# Save New Barnet Superstore Update



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## Say No to Traffic Chaos in New Barnet



### What's Proposed?

Tesco and ASDA are still proposing to build superstores in New Barnet, as well as another Tesco Express. In case you didn't know, here is what they've told us so far:

### **ASDA**

c.42,000 sq ft superstore 24 hour opening On-line shopping depot 211 new flats 20,000 sq ft of other shops Demolition of properties in Albert Road

### Tesco

c.45,000 sq ft superstore
24 hour opening
250 new flats
15 new shops
Demolition of existing shops
Demolition of houses on
Victoria Road

### **Tesco Express**

c.3,000 sq ft store
No off-street parking
Removal of 12 on street
parking spaces to create an
on-street loading bay
600 metres from an existing
Tesco Express

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### What are the consequences of these superstore developments?

**Traffic** - an extra 1,800 cars an hour and more than double the current traffic at peak times. Result - Gridlock?

**Destroy existing services** - the Tesco scheme will demolish the existing parade of Victorian shops including the Post Office and NHS Dental Practice, and destroy at least 40 businesses and 116 jobs.

**Destroy local shops** - ASDA's own figures show that 75% of the business for their new store will come from local rivals. Result - closure of Sainsbury's and Budgens?

### What do local residents think?

### The Research Practice

Independent research shows that around 90% of New Barnet residents are opposed to these new superstore developments. Your MP is opposed to the schemes, as are a number of local Councillors. Most people want some form of regeneration in New Barnet but superstores are definitely not the answer. Find out what local residents love most about New Barnet - and why - by reading The Research Practice's independent survey at www.newbarnet.org.uk.

### Is there an alternative?

Yes! Save New Barnet Campaign have commissioned a team of architects to come up with alternative uses for the gasworks site and the Optex site. These include family homes, along with much needed leisure facilities including a swimming pool. We will publish our plans in the coming weeks.

### ASDA TESCO

### Can we beat the supermarket giants?

**Yes we can!** It's surprising how often superstore schemes are rejected. Tesco's scheme at St Albans was recently rejected as was ASDA's scheme at Bognor. **There is no done deal** - the New Barnet schemes can be stopped but we need your support.

### What can I do?

Tesco and ASDA are expected to submit their planning applications soon. When they do, we'll let you know. In the meantime, here are two things you can do now.

Make your opinion count. Help us to represent the whole community – tell us what you think about the proposals. Email us at <a href="mail@newbarnet.org.uk">mail@newbarnet.org.uk</a>, write to SNBC c/o New Barnet Community Centre, 48-50 Victoria Road, New Barnet, EN4 9PF and complete our on-line survey at <a href="https://www.newbarnet.org.uk">www.newbarnet.org.uk</a>.

**Stay in touch.** Join our mailing list at <a href="https://www.newbarnet.org.uk">www.newbarnet.org.uk</a> to receive regular updates about the campaign.

### **HAVE YOUR SAY - SAVE NEW BARNET**

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 to 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.