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Councillor Mike Freer
Leader of Barnet Council
Hendon Town Hall
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Dear Councillor Freer

We are aware that ASDA have been talking to the Barnet Planners for more than two years over the possibility of building a store on the New Barnet gas works site in Albert Road, New Barnet. The amount of additional traffic that this would generate is of great concern to the local community.

This extra movement would be on top of that created by the proposed JCOSS school which is less than 400metres away. And for which planning permission was granted last August.

Furthermore TESCO have recently held a public exhibition about their proposals to “regenerate” New Barnet including the building of a new supermarket and we understand that they have had discussions with you about how they might assist the council.

All parties appear to be overlooking a perfectly satisfactory Sainsbury’s store in East Barnet Road.

We have also expressed concern at the Council’s failure to take a lead in master planning for the area and have raised the matter on a number of occasions at the area forum.

I attach a copy of the letters that we have sent to TESCO and ASDA in response to their exhibition for your information.

We are therefore holding an open public meeting at **7.30pm on Thursday 3rd April at St James' Church, East Barnet Road, New Barnet.**

You are invited to come to the meeting and make a five minute presentation of your proposals to the community. This will be followed by 20 minutes of questions from the floor which you will have the opportunity to answer.

We are also inviting TESCO and ASDA to each make a five minute presentation. Each session will be followed by up to twenty minutes of questions and answers so that all three parties are treated equally. The Local Press have been invited to the meeting.

You may also bring one display stand not exceeding 2 square metres.

We look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Chew
Hon. Secretary

Copy to:-

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