At 10pm on Tuesday 30th June we sent this message to our email list:

URGENT Update - ASDA Planning Application Withdrawn

Dear Friends,

The Save New Barnet Campaign was advised late on Tuesday 30th June that ASDA had WITHDRAWN their planning application for the gasworks site.

Therefore the ASDA application will NOT be on the agenda at Barnet Council's Planning & Environment Committee taking place on Wednesday 1st July.

Please pass on the news to anyone you know who was thinking of attending the meeting to save them a wasted journey.

We thank you for your continued support for the campaign. All your letters certainly did count. ASDA may be off the scene for the time being, but they will be back, and in the meantime Tesco continue to hover. We'll continue to be vigilant and hope that when ASDA return they choose to use our architects' blueprint to make the most of the gasworks site and create a better, more sustainable development for New Barnet.

As soon as we know any more information we will let you know.

Regards,

Save New Barnet Campaign Team

Some of the responses we received:

30 June 22.33

Fantastic news, I'm sure they may return, but not sure I like the comment on using alternative architects plans, that to me sounds like a compromise for a smaller store, and I don't want any commercial development on the gasworks site. Keep up the great work!

30 June 22.36

This is fantastic news. It would not have happened without all of your hard work. Well done.

30 June 23.03

Many thanks.

30 June 23.12

FANTASTIC NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!

30 June 23.16

Excellent News. Well done to YOU!

30 June 23.43

Fantastic news!! People power - it works!! Well done you guys ;o)

30 June 23.45

Hi friends - we are pleased about this. Something that has been on our minds a lot recently, however, is that 'saving New Barnet' is as much about what we do as what we stop ASDA/Tesco from doing! It would be good to remind residents to patronise local independent shops and cafés, and if the retailers don't have a traders association to advertise and promote their shops then perhaps the Save New Barnet Campaign could help to kick-start this process with them.

1 July 00.22

Good news for now!

1 July 00.55

Well done for all your research and hard work. Doubtless Asda will be back. I think their tactic is to apply for something monstrous which will not happen for whatever reason. Then everybody breathes a sigh of relief.

Then they reapply with a slightly less monstrous proposal which gets accepted. Of course the second proposal is what they really wanted in the first place. But it gets through because it not as bad as the totally unacceptable first application. Perhaps I'm being too cynical? Every good wish for the next stage of your campaign.

1 July 08.18

Many thanks for this latest information

1 July 08.34

Thank you for letting me know, keep up the good work.

1 July 09.18

Brilliant news - its thanks to all your hard work Well done.

1 July 09.19

WELL DONE

1 July 09.26

I would like to say a very big thank you for all your hard work in fighting this campaign. All I have done is sign petitions and write a couple of letters which in comparison to you all is feeble. I know I must join hundreds of people in thanking you unreservedly.

1 July 10.11

Just a quick note of appreciation for all your hard work. I am so happy that someone can find enough time and energy to fight back for all the rest of us who is drowning in our daily routines. Thank You!

1 July 10.24

Thanks for all your work on our behalf.

1 July 11.21

Good work on the campaign and working to get development that has benefit for the community. Really need to push them to include leisure facilities in the development.

1 July 11.36

Excellent news - thanks to all who have fought against their coming to New Barnet - however, as you say, they may make a fresh application - in which case please keep me informed. Also of course I want to know what TESCO are planning - thanks for all your help

1 July 11.59

That is fantastic news!!!!

1 July 12.11

Thanks for your efforts - keep up the good work!

1 July 16.30

Great news!! Thanks for all the hard work

2 July 10.44

When huge companies back down, it is almost as scary as a full assault, but I worry more about Tesco, who are much more 'expansionist-at-all-costs', and seem to get their way more often...... I wait for future developments.

2 July 13.19

Excellent news!

2 July 20.44

Good news. Thanks very much for all the hard work.

2 July 21.49

Congratulations on a very well fought campaign. As you say, it's not over!