

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Revised proposals for the redevelopment of Victoria Quarter, New Barnet

Car use and ownership is in decline while the need for new homes continues to rise. This is especially true for younger generations and first-time buyers.

As such in order to help tackle the climate crisis, improve air quality, and promote healthy lifestyles, the GLA makes clear that walking, cycling, and access to good public transport links must be prioritised.

Currently only 38% of people in the local area travel to work by car. Barnet also has a target to increase the number of trips made by walking, cycling and public transport by a further 22% by 2041.

The proposals seek to deliver a balance between the need for parking as well as mitigate against any potential impacts on nearby traffic. It should be noted that the current planning consent includes 396 parking spaces, meaning that this level of parking has been confirmed as appropriate and acceptable.

The revised proposals will deliver 334 parking spaces which ensures that a greater proportion of homes will have access to carparking, at approximately 61% of all properties proposed. This remains within the bounds of Transport for London's guidance for a site such as this. The priority will be for young families to have access to a personal car, whilst all residents would benefit from the strong transport links.

Our proposals will enable sustainable forms of transport through:



Providing car parking in line with emerging parking standards, including electric charging points



Car club spaces and free car club membership, to ensure access to a car is available when required



Close proximity to existing commuter links such as New Barnet Station and the London Underground within walking distance, and local bus routes



Improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists, alongside provision of new cycle parking spaces



Knowledge of the car club and cycle parking facilities available attracting new residents who do not wish to own a car



Funding public consultation and implementation of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) for the existing local community