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The WHAG Weekly Update

Don't let Sainsbury's rip the heart out of it.

WHITE LANE

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THE WHITE HART, MONDAY, **20TH OCTOBER, 8PM.**

If you voted **NO** in the referendum last year.

If you believe that your opinions as a local resident have been completely ignored.

If you feel outraged by the way that Sainsbury's CEO has deliberately misled you.

If you feel that big corporations have had it their own way for too long.

If you value your sense of community more than the ability to buy a can of lager at 7am.

If you feel angry every time you walk by the blot on the landscape that out-dated planning laws have inflicted on you.

If you do not want to see White Hart Lane become another clone of High Streets everywhere.

If you feel frustrated and unable to make a difference.

If you want to hear what local politicians **Susan Kramer, MP** and **Zac Goldsmith** have to say about this.

And if you want to know how you can help make our **IGNORE THE STORE** campaign hit Sainsbury's where it hurts, the **WHAG** urge you to attend the public protest meeting next Monday.



It's your neighbourhood. It's time to take it back.

Those pledge cards –what you said:

“Listen to the people, not the Pound”

“I’m not against supermarkets per se but do feel strongly that the voice of local people has been ignored and I object to being bullied and patronised”

“I’m extremely concerned about the impact on small local businesses, and worry that other chain stores will open in Barnes in the wake of this one”

“Since Sainsbury’s started this, I have boycotted ALL Sainsbury’s stores and products”

“Thank you for all of your campaign, I wish we all had your determination”

“We are returning our loyalty card to Sainsbury’s and will, in future, use another supermarket. We’ve been customers of Sainsbury’s at various stores, since the early 1960s when they had a store in the centre of Richmond.....”

“We recently moved here and are disappointed to learn that an unnecessary, over-priced chain store is now under construction”

“Why don’t big companies take any notice whatsoever of what local people want. They seem to think that ignoring local opinion will eventually work in their favour (which it won’t!)”

“I will not only boycott this store, but all Sainsbury’s stores”

“We will ignore Sainsbury’s the same way they have ignored local residents”

“Keep up the good work-I will only purchase from local shops”

“Good luck and well done for running a superb campaign”

“I absolutely will never set foot in Sainsbury’s. This store or any other!”

“Why is the roof line of the Sainsbury’s building higher than the buildings either side? I’m dreading the orange plastic signs and shop front”

“The Sainsbury’s store is neither necessary nor desirable”

“The whole process has been completely undemocratic”

“We used to shop at Sainsbury’s in Richmond but since last spring, ‘07, we now shop in Waitrose and continue to boycott all Sainsbury’s stores”

“This has been a beautifully organised and civilised campaign”



Absence of customers suggests “STUFF YOUR FACE FOR A SHILLING” campaign has not taken off.....

The view from the WHAG

There is only so much anger that any of us can stand, at any one time.

And right now, the world is full of things to get very, very angry about.



I don't need to list them; you all read the papers, listen to the radio and watch the news on TV.

Sadly, no matter how angry and upset we feel about each day's new injustice, there's usually nothing at all we can do about any of them, no matter how strongly we feel.

I'd like to point out an exception.

What has happened to the people who live here in White Hart Lane, Barnes, is as much an injustice, in its own small way, as any you'll see in the news.

An entire community ignored. The deeply-held opinions of residents counted as worthless. The mindless profits of big business put before the values of a community.

Oh come on, I hear some of you say.

You exaggerate, surely?

Nope, I don't think I do. If you take your front door as the beginning of the outside world, then think about what is about to happen just outside that door.

You have been told, by people who have no real right to comment, that you have no say in what happens in your community.

That you are unimportant and impotent to affect events.

And you know what ?

They are totally and utterly wrong. You can prove this on Monday by going to the WHAG meeting at the White Hart Inn.

You can join our Ignore the Store campaign.

You can make your voice heard and teach Sainsbury's and the rest, a lesson they'll never forget.

This, unlike so much else that is wrong in the world, is within your power to do.

David Rossiter The WHAG



The Information Page



Coming next Monday! Your new WHAGbag — great to use with our Barnes shopping guide below—how to Ignore the Store and still survive.....

White Hart Lane: Pat’s Food Store, Pooja News, Gusto & Relish, The Flower Room, B&N News, Barnes Food Store, Rama Newsagents, Threshers.

A short and healthy walk to the High Street gives you: Barnes Fish Shop, J Seal, Butchers, The Real Cheese Shop, The Parish Bakery, One-Stop, Londis, Natsons, Two Peas in a Pod, Barnes Farmers Market, Cook, Lea & Sandeman-wine merchants, Delice de France and much, much more.

Or, you might want to try home delivery — real supermarket prices and everything carefully packed and carried straight to your door-oh, and remember, you can still get milk delivered early in the morning — about 3am round here!.

Happy Shopping!

ANOTHER GREAT WHAG COMPETITION! WIN A WHAGBAG STUFFED WITH TREATS FROM WHITE HART LANE!

Just answer this simple question: How far does Justin King have to travel from his country home to get to his nearest Sainsbury’s store? Is it:

- A) 0.5 miles**
- B) 4.7 miles**
- C) 4.8 miles**
- D) 3.9 miles**

Answers on a postcard please to:
 WHAGCOMP
 PAT’S FOOD STORE
 WHITE HART LANE SW13 by 5.11.08

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