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The WHAG launches local referendum with sunshine and a song

The local referendum to get residents' views about the proposed new Sainsbury's on White Hart Lane was launched at noon last Tuesday.

Almost like a nod of approval from above, the rain stopped, the sun came out and so did a huge crowd of local people, as The WHAG Committee formally announced that ballot papers are being posted out and urged those against to **VOTE NO**.

Present were Zac Goldsmith, Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, James Page, Green Party Candidate, and Cllrs. Davies and Macleod.

A full endorsement of the referendum from Susan Kramer, Lib Dem MP, absent abroad, was also read out as the crowd overflowed onto White Hart Lane.

Charles Barber of The WHAG made an appeal for contributions to the Fighting Fund, which were immediately forthcoming. (See inside for

details of the WHAG bank account.) - And the crowd were treated to an impromptu chorus of the Campaign Song, which seemed to go down rather well !

All votes must be in by 12 noon on the 21 June and the result will be Announced very shortly afterwards. So watch for your ballot papers, urge your friends and neighbours to do the same and send Sainsbury's a message they cannot ignore:

VOTE NO !

Welcome to the third issue of the **WHAG Weekly Update**-it's your free guide to the campaign to stop **Sainsbury's** ruining our neighbourhood for ever.

Inside this issue-

- **Launch pictures**
- **Fighting fund**
- **New Posters**
- **Your questions**

WHAG ONLINE.....

Did you know that you can download this and previous newsletters (in colour!)-plus much more from the website? Well now you do



REFERENDUM LAUNCH



We stop the traffic.....



Crowd control



What is a Nectar card exactly?



"...So then they said it wasn't a supermarket at all- just a convenience stop"- Rossiter and Barber share a joke



So which bit of "No thanks, we really don't want a Sainsbury's" can't you understand?

We're sorry if your favourite picture isn't here and, even more so if you feel that we haven't done you justice.....



David Rossiter performs the WHAG campaign song 'Don't cry for me Lord Sainsbury's', for the first time in public, and to universal critical acclaim.....

The view from WHAG

It seems silly now, but when I left home on Tuesday morning to attend the WHAG Referendum announcement, I had this terrible fear that we would be talking to an empty street.



It was, after all, the day after a Bank Holiday weekend. People were reluctantly returning to work, it had rained constantly, the forecast wasn't good and the omens felt even worse.

I had a similar feeling before the public meeting at the White Hart.

I was wrong then and I was wrong again on Tuesday morning.

At 11.30am, there were just a few of us, nervously hanging around Orange Pekoe.

By 11.45am, the pavements were overflowing.

.Mums, dads, kids, toddlers, grandparents, local councillors, Parliamentary Candidates, shopkeepers, press photographers, innocent passers-by....

They all had one thing in common – and I don't mean their opposition to the Sainsbury's store.

They were all good-humoured, decent people, who generally don't like making a fuss.

It's not what we do in this country, you know ?

But now - they have simply had enough.

Enough of being told what to do. Enough of being pushed around by big business operating within the law, but on the edge of it.

Enough of being patronised, brushed aside, deliberately misled, kept in the dark and ignored.

Especially being ignored.



If Sainsbury's management thinks such people are going to shut up and go away, they are making a grave miscalculation.

Their clamour is only going to get louder, their numbers bigger and their voices heard not just in Barnes but all over the country.

The question then will be, how soon will Sainsbury's cry "enough" ?

David Rossiter, The WHAG

The Information Page



Got a site for a big banner like this one? Let us know ...

THE FIGHTING FUND

Until now, the WHAG has been funded on an ad hoc basis by individual residents and a few local traders. However, if we are to press ahead with all the activities needed to get the campaign noticed by both Sainsbury's and the media, we shall need a fighting fund to draw on.

To that end the following bank account has been set up :

Bank : NatWest

Account Name : The W.H.A.G.

Account Number : 23026170

Sort Code : 50-21-16

Cash or cheques made out to the W.H.A.G. can be deposited at any NatWest branch or monies transferred by phone or internet banking. Please identify any deposit for our records.

This account will be live as from today (01/06/07)

A complete and open set of books will be kept and will be available for viewing at any time.

Anonymity will, of course be respected where requested.

This Fund will be used for the purposes of funding the Referendum, paying for printed material, general publicity expenses, miscellaneous costs and possible legal costs.

NEW POSTER –

As promised, the new 'Vote NO' poster is now available free of charge from selected local shops-collect yours today!

YOUR QUESTIONS

Q) Will the referendum prevent Sainsbury's from going ahead?

A) No, it is not legally binding BUT, it will send a very powerful message to Sainsbury's and is already attracting a lot of media attention.

Q) Who's paying for it?

A) The WHAG—from donations.

Q) Will it stop the development?

A) We wish it could....

Q) You haven't published details of the polling area yet, why not?

A) We're waiting for the Electoral Reform Society to confirm this and will put the information on the website and in the newsletter as soon as we have it.

Final question for this week– Q) I don't think my address will be near enough to the site to be included in the ballot-what can I do?

A) Whether you live in Putney or Paris you can still write to Sainsbury's...

In next week's issue:

WIN A WHAG BAG competition!

Don't miss it –it could be you ...

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