

# What is Happening at Wards Corner

This leaflet gives you an update on the latest news on Wards Corner.

Wards Corner is situated above Seven Sisters Tube Station. It houses a mainly Latin American Market in a lovely but neglected former Edwardian department store.



What a restored Wards Corner could look like.

This site is under threat of demolition by Grainger PLC, who want to build private gated flats, with no social housing. Their design is bland and would give Tottenham an uninspiring town centre. This campaign has been running for ten years now and has attracted huge support from local people and the Latin American community. This place is vitally important to them, serving as their cultural centre and support network.

## Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)

The Compulsory Purchase Order was served by the council, in order to force the sale of the site and allow Grainger to commence demolition.

This CPO inquiry finished its three-week hearing in July and the result will be available in six to nine months after this. This was a very costly process and therefore was a very unbalanced tribunal. But with our limited resources, we put up an excellent defence which involved the backing from an eminent artist and the support of the United Nations. We have someone who wishes to take over the lease for the building and the market, but Transport for London and the Council are refusing to cooperate.

We still owe money to the legal team and are in urgent need of funds. We have already raised over £20,000, but need much more to cover the legal cost of the CPO.

You can donate via this crowd funding site:

<https://www.youcaring.com/latinvillagewardscorner-714518>

or (short form) [tinyurl.com/savewcc](http://tinyurl.com/savewcc)

## Update on Seven Sisters Market

Grainger would have you think that the Seven Sisters Market is in safe hands and that it will be rehoused in their plan. This could not be further from the truth. Grainger have employed a market manager who is working hard at getting rid of the market by pricing out the current traders. At present, he is hiking up their utility bills and then serving eviction notices. Transport for London refused to give the market lease to the traders, despite their higher offer. Our barrister proved that the market cannot survive this and the two relocations and the future rent rises. Grainger will then be free to obtain a bigger return from this valuable site.



## The Community Plan

We do have an alternative community plan to restore this building and preserve the market. Please visit;

<https://wardscorner.wikispaces.com/>

Go to Community Plan and click on WARDS CORNER COMMUNITY PLAN for further information. We are currently working on updating the plan as it ran out of time.



## The Bigger Picture

The Grainger plan is not just for the market. Their plan encompasses West Green Rd, Suffield Rd, and Seven Sisters Rd. This has meant evictions for all those living on this site. These evictions have been badly executed and has resulted in some shocking stories of cruelty and insensitivity against single mothers, refugees, and vulnerable people. This is social injustice of the highest order.

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