

In my lifetime I have heard some crazy ideas, some of those ideas have unfortunately found their way into public services. Living in a country surrounded by water and where (until recently) rain is something we have plenty of, it did seem crazy that **Water** could be privatised. Yet, that is what happened. This latest news that the very **air** that we breathe in Barnet is to be privatised has got to be the last straw even for those supporters of One Barnet. **FREE AIR TO ALL!**

**Panic in the Streets of 'One Barnetland' today Sunday 1st April**

**Residents stopping for a top up in Private Sector Air Banks which are opening up across Barnet**

There is panic in the London suburb of Barnet as residents have woken up to news issued by **One Barnet Pravda News Agency** that 'air is to be privatised!' The decision to privatise **Barnet Air** was made *in camera* by senior members of the One Barnet Politburo aka Kabinet Resourceless Comintern. The One Barnet programme has already raised controversy by its stated intention to cease delivering services to the residents of Barnet by handing over this responsibility to the private sector. A **leaked memo** detailing the proposal was sent anonymously to the local media late last night.



**Local press** report that residents are now panic buying 'jerry cans' to use to store as much air as they can before the privatisation begins. The **Local Council Minister for Air** advised residents not to panic, but added if they want, they are ways to build up personal store of air in their own homes for example 'why not use a 'Jerry Can'.

**Local ironmongers** report that their shops which were **previously empty** because of the **Parking policy** are now packed with shoppers queuing to purchase jerry cans and face masks.

**Local union Leader** reported that Council staff are demanding that the Council must provide **free air** in the workplace as rumours fly that the council is planning to deduct pay for any air used whilst at work. He added **"it is completely bonkers, how can anyone believe that anyone can privatise air, however, I remember saying the same thing when they privatised the water in the 1980's."**

**Local Bloggers** originally dismissed the leak as 'all just hot air!', but once the panic hit the streets they have responded as follows:

**Mr Mustard** has issued a number of FOI requests demanding to see copies of the reports produced supporting this recommendation and copies of contracts of any consultants involved.

**Mr Reasonable** has asked the council to provide a copy of the risk register for this One Barnet project and a copy risk assessment detailing the financial impact on local tax payers.

**Barnet Eye**, sources yet to be confirmed believe Barnet Eye has stopped work on the sequel to '**A Tale of Two Barnets**' to make a film about the decision to privatise the air for Barnet residents. We believe he is currently driving around the borough interviewing residents about the decision.

**Citizen Barnet** has been seen organising public meetings in the Burnt Oak area as residents there feel they will be left with no access to the more 'green friendly' air only available in the 'Totteridge area. There are unconfirmed reports that a gathering of residents are marching to Hendon Town Hall to demand free air 'to all to each according to their need'

**Mrs Angry** has demanded a public inquiry after a whistle blower has revealed that a former council employee has left to work for the well known private sector organisation specialising in selling Air. Unconfirmed reports claim that on hearing the latest plans she was heard muttering under a **Holly Tree** "All I need is **the air that I breathe** and a **place to rest my head!**"

Meeting Dates - April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The Prime Minister has **not** issued a statement telling residents of Barnet **NOT** to panic.



He has **not** promised a full independent inquiry as soon as he receives **£250,000 and a hot pasty!**

A local resident who does not want to be identified responding to the promise **not** made by the PM said

**"I won't be holding my breath!"**

**Air Privatisation strikes a chord in Barnet - Increase sales in local music shops**

Local record shops have also reported increases in sales of the classic Hollies Hit **All I need is the Air that I breathe** and the Phil Collins track **In The Air Tonight**

Not all the news has been bad, the crisis has brought out the romantic side of Barnet residents with news of record sales of the **70's classic 'Love is in the Air'** by John Paul Young.

BUT the **BIGGEST SELLER** by far is the classic track by Jean Michel Jarre **Oxgene Part 1**