
It has been brought to our attention that Enfield Council are looking to knock down and redevelop the Sainsburys site on Green Lanes with 299 houses and 140,000 sq ft commercial space.

I understand we need to log our objections by *lunchtime on Monday* (13th Sept), or you will proceed unchallenged. How is it that this can be signed off without any formal consultation of the wider community in Winchmore Hill, Palmers Green and Southgate? Yet again another showing of contempt to the public by Enfield Council. One would expect lessons to be learned from past mistakes such as the LTN's, yet it seems Enfield is simply insistent on continuing to push through whatever hare-brained scheme they can conceive.

Below is a list of reasons why this needs to be considered very carefully and why we want to register our objections:

Local Facilities

- The loss of a major supermarket in the area will force people to have to drive further. This would especially affect elderly and disabled residents and increase car usage on local roads
- No supporting community infrastructure planned which will lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries, dentists
- With the Fords Grove car park going and 14% of car parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway having gone, this development will lead to a further loss of revenue to local shops leading to potential closures

Impact on local residents

- The increase in vehicles on the road from potential residents of this development, will increase carbon monoxide levels which will impact locals and especially school children at Highfields school

Environmental

- This development will lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands – the site is home to at least three different species of woodpecker (greater/lesser spotted and green varieties) as well as trees with protection orders (poplars and oak trees)
- In 1986, the Secretary of State allowed planning permission for Sainsburys to be built with the condition that the green space was retained for community use
- The green space is especially useful for residents who live in the surrounding flats and do not have gardens
- The area is used by families and elderly alike, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of all residents of Enfield

Other issues

- This development will need to offer housing in keeping with the character of existing housing in Winchmore Hill. However, Enfield residents require larger, affordable family housing which this development will not be able to offer.
- Inappropriate choice of site given the close proximity of existing traditional historical properties.
- This development will lead to an over development of the area given the recent and future developments along Green Lanes - Travis Perkins, Capitol House etc

- There will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes) already congested especially at peak times
- There will be an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area

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