

*(re Local Plan SPH1/SA32/p184 - proposal to build 299 houses - 'mixed use?!' - on Sainsburys Green Lanes site)*

This site, a former playing field, was developed by Sainsburys shortly after 1988, when I moved to my current home in Winchmore Hill.

At that time the Secretary of State imposed a range of conditions, one of which was for the provision of green space for community use. The grounds contain many mature trees, some of which are protected by TPOs. This comparatively small and tight space, wrapped around the supermarket buildings and car park, there is a rich diversity of wildlife, including woodpeckers.

The area is now under threat of being completely built over, sweeping away any last vestige of green space::299 mixed use houses are not going to simply melt into the background.

Should such a large building programme be driven through, residents will be subjected to yet more years of noise, dirt and all the concomitant miseries that come with such works. Allied to the equally foolish proposal to cover Fords Grove Car Park with housing, this is a depressing prospect for us all. We can kiss goodbye to any hopes of decent air quality, access to green space, and safe streets - all those lovely 'lifestyle' elements to which you pay lip service in your glossy promotional materials, ring very hollow indeed.