

I am writing in regards to the above (pages 315 and 359) of the enfield local plan.

We strongly object to these plans as the local sainsburys is exactly that- a local supermarket that serves the area. By removing it, the council will force locals to have to drive to the next nearest supermarket which will involve leaving winchmore hill and travelling to palmers green, edmonton, enfield or the a10. Highlands and green lanes waitrose wont be able to cope with the additional demand. This not only will create more traffic (the palmers green end of green lanes can't cope with current rush hour traffic, let alone if this were to go ahead) but pollution as well, as a result. With several local schools and nurseries on the way, the added pollution will affect the air quality around the area.

For those that don't drive, are elderly or have other access issues, this will mean travelling much further out. If the purpose of the recent bus service 456 was aimed at improving access for those that can't drive then this proposal turns that idea into bullshit. Are the elderly (including my parents who live in the area and use sainsburys for all their shopping) expected to get the bus to crewes hill or north middlesex for their weekly shop then?

The other point to highlight is that sainsburys isnt just a supermarket but also houses an argos which allows those that live locally to buy a much wider range of products than any a normal supermarket- from office supplies, toys through to clothes, garden supplies and electronics.

Such an extensive amount of work will no doubt cause more pollution, cause distress to the local wildlife in the area, and remove areas of greenery that are also enjoyed by many locals.

This is not to mention that removing one of the local amenities in the area will likely deter people from moving to winchmore hill if they then find that they have to travel to do their shopping and, in turn, drive down house prices in the area.

Surely the last 18 months have highlighted the importance of having local amenities in the area to allow those that live in the area to get their shopping without having to travel far? This is on top of the fact that, with many now working from home on a more regular basis, local shops and supermarkets will benefit from increased footfall as more people stay in the area.

And finally, there is also the fact that sainsburys brings jobs to the area, without which how would we afford our council tax bills?

I strongly urge the council to reject this proposal.