

I was shocked to see that the draft local plan includes plans for redevelopment of the Sainsbury's Supermarket area on Green Lanes. This is an important local resource and the fact it was so close was a significant factor in my decision to move to Orpington Road some 8 years ago.

Like myself, many of my neighbours are Pensioners and find that such a facility within walking distance is a life saver. The loss of the green space will be felt by young and old alike. My grandchildren love playing there as we walk to and from Sainsbury's.

I have since looked further into the draft local plan and I am equally perturbed to see there are plans to redevelop a number of supermarkets and shopping facilities within Enfield.

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. This will be exacerbated by the plans to redevelop the sites of other supermarket and shopping facilities.
- There does not seem to be any additional community infrastructure planned which will lead to existing facilities such as schools, health services etc being overstretched.

- With the Fords Grove car park going and a substantial amount of car parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway already lost, this development will lead to a further loss of revenue to local shops leading to potential closures

Impact on local residents

- Further road congestion and pressure on residential parking.
- The increase in vehicles on the road from potential residents of this development, will increase carbon monoxide levels which will impact locals and children at local schools

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, which may not be the the affordable family housing which Enfield residents most require.
- It is an 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) that is already heavily 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.

I do feel that this plan has not been sufficiently advertised to local residents. I only saw it today and was surprised that a response was needed so soon. There have been a number of initiatives in recent years which appear to ignore the wishes of most local residents (LTN, Cycle Lanes etc.) and I do hope that this will not be the same story.