
I am writing with regard to Enfield's proposed Housing Strategy Document <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/enfield-strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment-shlaa-2020-planning.pdf>.

I am concerned that the Sainsburys site may be considered for development and have serious concerns about this and why I believe this site should not be considered suitable for the proposed construction of a large number of flats.

IMPACT ON LOCAL FACILITIES

The loss of a major supermarket in Winchmore Hill will necessarily force people to drive further afield. This will not only put more pressure on roads - already suffering extreme congestion and misery resulting from the unwanted cycle lanes and LTNs - but also those supermarkets which become alternative destinations to the Winchmore Hill store.

It is not evident what supporting infrastructure is planned to account for the additional pressure on existing resources such as schools, doctors' services and other health facilities such as dentists.

The prospective demise of the Fords Grove car park and already-reduced parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway will further negatively impact local shops and services, potentially leading to foreclosures and a desertification of the local area.

IMPACT ON TRAFFIC

There's already great concerns about the volume and velocity of traffic due in large part to measures taken by Enfield against residents' wishes. The development of this site will add further - as yet unknown - pressures on the road infrastructure with serious consequences for all local residents.

ENVIRONMENTAL

I understand that there's an existing precedent that this site should not be considered for development and was part of Sainsbury's development of the space, with a limitation on the Sainsburys structure and maintenance of the green space. I believe that the protection of the existing green space is vital to the well-being of the local community.

The site is very close to existing residential properties and major development would create a great deal of environmental harm, disruption and pollution.

AREA VALUE AND CHARACTER

The majority of the residential properties in the area are mainly of desirable Edwardian stock, and the proposed development will fundamentally and negatively impact on the character of the area and the property values.

There has already been quite a degree of recent development in the area, namely Capitol House/New River View and, potentially, of the former Travis Perkins site. Any further such development would be considered over-development and would alter the character of

the neighbourhood profoundly.

I would like Enfield to give serious consideration to these points and to give an unequivocal statement that this site will not be considered for future development.

Given Enfield's shameful record in not informing local residents of changes that affect them, not being transparent about 'consultation' procedures and ignoring residents' objections to plans, I worry that the council will yet again prove to be deaf to residents' wishes and concerns.