

To whom it may concern on the Enfield Planning Team,

I am a longstanding resident and homeowner at 19 Orpington Road and have only recently been made aware of the draft local plan for the Sainsburys Winchmore Hill site which I find deeply worrying in terms of the effect on the quality of life in this currently peaceful area, the knock-on effect on the local community, environmental considerations and infrastructure.

Sainsburys is of major importance to the local community for those of all ages particularly the elderly. Losing a major supermarket will increase car use on roads that are already far too congested in huge part due to the LTN scheme.

The sheer scale of the development will put unbearable pressure on other key elements of local infrastructure such as schools, doctors' surgeries etc. Local shops will also lose out on footfall due to the reduction in parking that is already taking place and yet this plan only further compounds the problem.

The beautiful parkland that surrounds the site is an incredibly important local amenity which is used by the elderly as well as families who themselves do not have gardens. This is in addition to the fact that the then Secretary of State in 1986 allowed Sainsburys to be built on condition that the green space was retained for community use. This area is also home to several trees with existing protection orders and other forms of important wildlife. This all has a positive health impact on the area which should not be tampered with.

The area is already becoming over-developed with the plans for the reuse of the former Travis Perkins site on Green lanes, the new tower block replacing Capitol House etc. This particular development is also completely out of kilter with the traditional historical properties adjacent to the site. Enfield residents are requiring affordable housing which will not be offered by such a development that must be in keeping with the existing character of the area. The skyline will be hugely impacted and any remaining vestiges of character that makes Winchmore Hill the area it is will be destroyed, instead it will be yet another casualty of generic urban sprawl.

I urge you to scrap this plan as Winchmore Hill is already under siege with new developments that are dramatically reducing the quality of life for its residents, putting too much pressure on local resources, infrastructure, amenities and affecting the ability for local business to thrive and survive.

