
I strongly object to proposed plans to knock down and rebuild Sainsburys Supermarket on Green Lanes, to build 299 houses and 140,000 sq ft commercial space.

I feel that this would impact very badly on the surrounding area and residents like ourselves, who rely on this Supermarket and green space, for our daily exercise, for well being, and groceries, and the general good that results for us all currently in using the pleasantly situated green land for vital social interaction and shopping.

Local Facilities

* Losing a supermarket, will cause local residents to take their cars and travel further. It would negatively affect the elderly, and also the disabled, like my husband, who benefits immensely from the current layout and green space.

* There would be no amenities or infrastructure to support this proposed oversized proposal, for parking, schools, medical centres, dentists etc. This will overstretch and make the current facilities unable to serve the community as they currently do.

* With Fords Grove car park going + 14% of car parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway having gone, this development will lead to a further loss of revenue for local shops, leading to potential closures.

Impacts on Local Residents

* The increase of vehicles on the road from potential residents of this development, will increase carbon monoxide pollution levels, which will impact locals and especially school children at Highfield's school.

Environmental

* This development will lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands, particularly after many old trees in the neighbourhood, have been cut down, due to work on railway lines to reduce leaves on the track, as well as council over pruning of trees in the area, that has resulted in many trees dying and needing to be removed and not replaced. These trees surrounding Sainsburys are vital to wildlife and residents alike.

* The woodland site surrounding Sainsburys is home to at least 3 different species of woodpeckers (greater/lesser spotted + green varieties).

It is a breeding ground for the rare Stag beetle, bats, toads and other rare birds. There are also tree protection orders (Poplars and Oak trees.)

This green space encourages children who come ie. Geo Caching;which in turn promotes a healthy interest in nature and the outdoors.

Many children have gone on to hatch butterflies, and other environmental interests, as a result.

* In 1986 the Secretary of State only allowed Sainsburys to be build, 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 a garden.

* The area is used by families and the elderly alike, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of all.

Other Issues

* This development will need to offer housing in keeping with the character of existing housing in Winchmore Hill. However, what is needed in this area, is larger, affordable family housing, which this development will not be able to offer.

* Inappropriate choice of site, given the close proximity of existing traditional, historic properties.

* This development will lead to the overdevelopment of the area, given the recent and future developments along Green Lanes, ie. Travis Perkins, Capitol house etc.

* There will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes,) already congested, especially at peak times, being a main bus route to hospitals and schools, and vehicles serving post offices etc.

* There will be an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area.
