

The Local Plan is a large document and there may be various aspects which warrant reconsideration.

I wish to highlight one of those in this letter.

It seems to me that there has been no proper consideration about how the food supply chain can function in Southgate if supermarket car parks at Sainsburys Green Lanes, M&S Southgate and Asda Southgate are redeveloped as housing.

These stores provide food for many tens of thousands of people in the local area.

It is fanciful to think that supermarkets of the current size can continue to distribute food supplies efficiently without large car parks.

The local authority is not qualified to predict what options will be available to local people if those supermarkets do not continue as they are. That should be left to the supermarket industry and there should be no attempt made by the local authority to steer this process in a direction which they do not properly understand.

The consequences of a breakdown in food supply would be severe. Expect riots and looting by hungry people. Anyone who thinks such things do not happen should think back ten years when there was social breakdown across London.