

I am long-time resident of Winchmore Hill, Enfield having lived on Green Lanes since 2013

I am emailing to lodge my sincere and considered objections to the proposed redevelopment of the Sainsbury's site on Green Lanes, as detailed in the Enfield Local Plan (page 351).

My objection is routed in this supermarket being an essential resource which, as a non-driver who can't easily travel to other local amenities, would negatively impact my life considerably should this resource be lost to the community.

Sainsbury's on Green Lanes has been a vital lifeline during the pandemic, when I have wanted to heed official guidance and avoid traveling by public transport to go anywhere else for household essentials. Moreover, as a someone who has recently embraced a vegan diet, I have been pleasantly surprised to find that all my dietary requirements can still be met by this supermarket, in a way which (having explored other local shops to investigate) small locally run businesses just do not easily cater for.

In short, for the entirety of my time in the local area, and especially now (with my vegan diet and still wanting to limit use of public transport), Sainsbury's in Winchmore Hill has been an indispensable resource which I have relied upon heavily and do not wish to lose. I can only imagine that many others in the area also feel the same.

Furthermore, in addition to the specific impact the proposed bulldozing of this essential community amenity will have on me personally, I also object to the proposed redevelopment on the following, broader grounds:

- The loss of a major supermarket in the area will force other local people like me who don't drive onto public transport, complete with their shopping. This is an enormous inconvenience and would increase the demands on Transport for London services. It may also disproportionately affect elderly and disabled residents, as well as those on low-incomes (who are more likely to not have access to their own transport).
- Likewise, for those that do drive, the loss of this major supermarket servicing the whole of Winchmore Hill and surrounding areas will force them to drive further, increasing car usage on local roads. This is counter to Enfield Council's policy objective of 'evaporating traffic'.
- The increase in vehicles on the road from potential residents of this development, as well as the increased journey times just described above, will increase carbon monoxide levels which will impact local residents and especially school children at Highfields school.
- This development will lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands – I'm told that 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)

- The green space is especially useful for residents who live in the surrounding flats and do not have gardens, disproportionately affecting them If it goes.
 - The area is used by families and elderly alike, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of all local residents and therefore should be preserved.
 - There will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes) which is already congested especially at peak times, and therefore this should be avoided.
 - There will be an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area.
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