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I am very concerned about the proposed plan to close Sainsburys in Green Lanes Winchmore Hill. This is a very popular store which has been part of the shopping community in the area since it opened .There is no large super market in this area and it is well used by people from Palmers Green right along Green Lanes as well as by the local environment. It is on an accessible bus route so is frequented by people without cars. There also appear to be plans to close the large Sainsburys super market on the A10 shopping complex as well as Asdas and Marks and Spencers in Southgate .Removing these shopping areas are going to make this area into an urban concrete jungle devoid of any community cohesion.

While I appreciate the need for affordable housing, could I point out that a large storied block of flats is about to open on the old Capitol House site a few hundred yard from Sainsburys . There,s plans already in motion to build more flats on the car park now closed at the the top of Farm Rd also within a short walk from Sainsburys The Winchmore Hill Green Lanes surgery is already finding it very difficult to accommodate the patients on its list without having to treat hundreds more.

This area has already had to close many of its shops because of Covid and the restricted parking caused by the amount of space taken up by the bike lanes.

These proposed plans along with others I find extremely worrying More and more people will be forced often reluctantly to shop on line (if they have the internet)and there will be less opportunity for people to converse with and get to know the people in their environment and for children to become familiar with their local borough.

Whilst I support an increase in the building of social housing and affordable homes surely when the building of homes means the destruction of shops and other local amenities such schemes must be proportional.

I hope you will take these views into consideration before any final decisions are made.