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I am emailing in relation to the Enfield Local Plan and specifically the Sainsbury's site, 681 Green Lanes.

Firstly, I am extremely unhappy with how the consultation process has been advertised. Our household received a leaflet on August 17<sup>th</sup>, which was in fact two months after the process had begun. I have spoken to vast numbers of local residents who were totally unaware that a consultation process was even taking place and as such had not been able to be involved, despite wanting their voices heard.

I am also deeply concerned that the ELP includes development on Green Belt land. I was under the impression that the idea of the Green Belt is to protect our precious and limited green spaces and to prevent every available space from being built on. It is the Council's job to protect the Green Belt and it should be brown field sites that should be considered for development. This is overwhelmingly the view of Enfield's residents.

### **Concerns / feedback for the Sainsbury Site on Green Lanes, 681 Green Lanes, London N21 3RS**

I am particularly concerned about the proposals regarding development of Sainsbury's, Winchmore Hill.

This development would lead to another significant loss of community green space. I have been reliably informed by other residents that Sainsburys were granted permission to build their store on the understanding that the perimeter would be retained as park land. This area is used regularly by local residents and families and I can say that I have personally benefitted from this green space greatly in the years I have resided here. Losing this green space would be incredibly detrimental to large numbers of local residents.

It is also extremely concerning to hear that the proposals also include adding another 299 housing units to this space. This is guaranteed to lead to over population, given that space here is increasingly under strain given other recent developments including Capitol House and the proposed development of the Travis Perkins site/old Police Station. Not only would this lead to overcrowding, but it would also completely change the character of this area, owing to the density of housing resulting from this proposal.

The development would also add to the traffic congestion on Green Lanes and other local roads, increasing air pollution in the area, which is something that we all know to be dangerous to both people's health and to wildlife. The loss or reduction in size of Sainsburys would also mean people having to drive to other supermarkets for their shopping, further increasing pollution in Enfield and yet again working against any notion of supporting local businesses.

This development will increase the pressure more generally on local public resources, including doctors, dentists, schools and transport. Again, these services are already clearly under strain and so to force them to increase their capacity further would be extremely detrimental.

For all these reasons I am against the further development of the Sainsbury's site and am disappointed by the handling of the Enfield Local Plan and sheer disregard for Green Belt land.