

Objection to SA32, Sainsburys Green Lanes N21 3RS. Page 351 of Enfield Local Plan. Redevelopment of supermarket and car park to mixed-use homes and non-residential floor space.

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I write in response to the above objection. As an Enfield resident all my life I feel very strongly that the local plan offered does not what suit the needs of Enfield looking forward.

There are many reasons as to why this development is not suitable for the area.

The loss of a major supermarket in the area will force people to have to drive further. This would especially affect elderly and disabled residents and increase car usage on local roads.

This increase in vehicles on the road from potential residents of this development, will increase carbon monoxide levels which will impact locals and especially school children at Highfields school. In addition, there will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes) already heavily congested especially at peak times.

There is no supporting community infrastructure planned which will lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools and doctors' surgeries. As a local teacher this will be keenly felt especially in terms of schooling.

This development will lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands – 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. With the benefits of outdoor space having been intensified during the COVID lockdowns, it is an essential green space. The area is used by families and elderly alike, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of all residents of Enfield.

This development will need to offer housing in keeping with the character of existing housing in Winchmore Hill. Enfield residents require larger, affordable family housing which this development will not be able to offer.

Inappropriate choice of site given the close proximity of existing traditional historical properties.

This development will lead to an over development of the area given the recent and future developments along Green Lanes - Travis Perkins, Capitol House.

I urge you, along with other residents of Enfield, to stop with this development idea and reconsider the local plan.