

I would like to raise an objection to the plans to redevelop the site of the Sainsbury's on Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill.

Sainsbury's is the only large supermarket in the area. Its closure would force locals to venture further for their food shopping. This would be of particular concern to those who are without private vehicles and rely on public transport, such as the elderly and disabled. It would also increase car usage, fumes and pollution on local roads at a time when London is amongst the worst polluted cities, particularly on carbon monoxide, in the UK and local, London and national politicians have pledged reductions in pollution levels.

Developments of new residential estates require additional local infrastructure, such as medical and dental practices, parking, schools, and cause additional pressure on existing transport infrastructure. As I understand it, no consideration or provision of the infrastructure services has been included, meaning existing local residents will have a worse service provision on essential facilities.

There are already a number of new developments underway and finished in the vicinity. Is it unlikely there is an actual need for circa 300 extra properties. Where there has been a large amount of property development in other areas, homes are sold to investors and local residents are unable to either rent or buy for themselves. This development would result in the same issue and people being forced to move away through a lack of affordability, negatively affecting the community.

The original planning permission for the Sainsbury's site, I believe in the 80s, was granted on the proviso that green space be retained for community use. It is used by local residents, especially those without an outdoor space of their own, including young families and the elderly. The removal of this space would be detrimental to the health and well-being, both physical and mental, of these residents.

I would be grateful for consideration of the above in your consultation on the development proposals.