

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

Please see below my objection to the above redevelopment plans:

Local Facilities

- 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.
- No supporting community infrastructure planned which will lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries etc.
- With the Fords Grove car park going and 14% of car parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway having gone, this development will lead to a further loss of revenue to local shops leading to potential closures.

Impact on local residents

- The 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.

Environmental

- 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
- The area is used by families and elderly alike, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of all residents of Enfield

Other issues

- 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 etc
- There will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes) already congested especially at peak times.
- There will be an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area.

Some residents do not have cars and therefore rely on walking to the supermarket to do their shopping. Not everyone can afford to get a taxi.

If we lose this supermarket - the nearest major supermarket will be Palmers Green Morrisons, Enfield A10 Sainsburys - neither are readily accessible especially to non car residents like myself. I would only be able to access Palmers Green and as the bus service is very slow due to the congestion already on Green Lanes, this would make shopping very difficult.

As a non car resident I at present and have done for the last 21 years that I have lived in the vicinity walk to Sainsburys in Green Lanes and do my daily & weekly shop. I am sure that the majority of daily shoppers would be elderly and those that walk and do not have cars. It would be hugely inconvenient and totally unacceptable to take away our local supermarket just to add more homes, especially that the area can not even provide a large supermarket for these 299 new homes to be able to shop in.

