

I am writing to object to the plan to convert the Sainsburys into accommodation and commercial units.

Whilst I understand that Enfield has an obligation to build sufficient houses to meet the government requirements, this plan will mean the loss of a vital part of Winchmore Hill's infrastructure. The Sainsburys there is a hub for many local residents many of whom are elderly and walk to the store. This maintains their health and makes them feel more integrated in the community.

The locality also means that car driving residents aren't aren't forced to get onto already congested roads like the A10 or A406 which will be the case if this store is closed and they require a larger supermarket for their needs. The elderly will not be able to walk to these stores and will have to make compromises, be reliant in neighbours or have increased expense of taxis.

I fully appreciate that there are other smaller supermarkets locally but they do not offer a satisfactory range of products nor will they carry sufficient stock to meet the new demand that will be created. In addition to this most of the products in these smaller metro style stores are usually priced higher than the larger supermarket equivalent.

I also understand that many of the staff for this store live locally. If these staff are relocated and do not lose their jobs you will now be pushing these staff into their cars or onto public transport to be able to get to work. This will result in additional expense (for people already on what is considered a low income), increase pollution and for those using transport make their lives more difficult with many having to change routines, pay for lengthier child care, etc.

The plan like many other Enfield objectives is poorly thought out. The goal for most of Enfield Council plans appears to be that of revenue generation as opposed to actually making the borough a better place to live. You are alienating people and destroying the community.

I urge you strongly to reconsider these plans. I also urge you to review your planning department as there seem to be a number of highly objectionable proposals coming out of this department. I have been a resident since 2005 and have never had to raise as many objections as I am having to do now.

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