

****Objections to: Draft Local Plan SA32 Sainsburys Green Lanes p315, p359 of Enfield Local Plan ****
Objections to closure of Lodge Drive Car Park, Palmers Green Objections to of car parking ****

I formally object to the future **Enfield Local Plan** proposals, for the following reasons:

Local Facilities

- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**The loss of Sainsbury's, such a major supermarket will change the character of the area forever.** Sainsburys provides huge benefits to all those in the surrounding areas, especially since there is good parking available at this location. It is the only mid-high range supermarket in the area, offering high-quality goods (including clothing/books/electronics etc), alongside pharmacy, banking, key cutting and dry cleaning services, as well as a Costa and an Argos on site. In effect, it is a shopping 'hub' for locals and those in the surrounding areas.
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Whilst during lockdown a lot of people switched to online delivery, this is not an adequate way to shop, and many will revert to in-person shopping once the worst threat of the pandemic has passed. The need to travel further afield will lead to more stress, time and effort for shoppers. Traffic will increase, with elderly and disabled residents (not to mention parents with young children) being the most heavily impacted by the need to travel further afield.
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->There are no plans for supporting community infrastructure which will lead to existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries, dentists being overwhelmed. The Winchmore Hill GP Practice is already completely overstretched and it is almost impossible to get a face-to-face appointment.
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->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

- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->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

- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->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)
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->In 1986, the Secretary of State allowed planning permission for Sainsburys to be built with the condition that the green space was retained for community use
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->The area is used by families and elderly alike, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of all residents of Enfield

Other issues

- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->This development will need to offer housing in keeping with the character of existing housing in Winchmore Hill. However, Enfield residents require larger, affordable family housing which this development will not be able to offer.
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Inappropriate choice of site given the close proximity of existing traditional historical properties.
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->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
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->There will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes) already congested especially at peak times
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->There will be an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area

Closure of the Lodge Drive Car Park in Palmers Green

In Palmers Green we have already been adversely affected by the loss of car parking spaces with the advent of the cycle routes, and the imposition of parking restrictions on most of the residential roads, alongside one-way road systems and road closures which has led to increased traffic congestion, and deters shoppers from visiting Palmers Green, especially those who are elderly or disabled. The **Lodge Drive Car Park** is the only accessible parking in the area, the loss of this facility would adversely impact shops, businesses and restaurants in the area forever.

Car parking

It seems that rather than tackle the issue of car parking and ensure that there is adequate provision for local residents, all of whom pay taxes and contribute to the Enfield economy, the Council hopes to force cars off the roads and out of the area.

However, not everyone is able to cycle - only **a minority** of Enfield citizens fall into this category - and not everyone is able to walk. Unless you are **prepared to ration cars** based on need only, **Enfield Council should represent all its citizens, not just the few** who do not wish to, or do not need to drive.