
I would like to lodge my objections to the flawed Draft Enfield Local Plan and particularly the proposal to redevelop the site of the current Sainsbury's supermarket and car park at Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, N21 3RS. The relevant appendix in the draft local plan is SA32.

My reasons for objecting to this proposal to build 299 homes on this site are as follows:

Impact on already high population density – the Draft Local Plan does not provide for enhancing the supporting community infrastructure and amenities to meet the additional demand generated by an increased local population. Existing facilities such as schools, doctor's surgeries, dentists are already overstretched with little scope to accommodate further demand. Our educators, medical and dental practitioners are already under enormous strain and this facilities would need to be expanded prior to increasing the housing and population densities. Do you believe that the local electorate wants to wait even longer to see a doctor or dentist and struggle to find a school place for their children?

Increased traffic congestion and pollution – with parking already severely limited due to the reduction in parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway as well as the planned closure of the Fords Grove car park, this development will significantly increase traffic congestion in the area. Drivers from a further 299 households moving through this zone will cause complete chaos. Given the extremely limited usage of the multi-million pound cycle lane project which has already worsened traffic congestion in the area, have you not learned from your mistakes?

Impact on local residents – the increase in vehicles on the road from potential residents of this new development will lead to increased levels of carbon monoxide and other pollutants which will impact the health of local people and especially children at Highfield Primary School and Winchmore School. This proposed project would also lead to enormous disruption due to contractor vehicles and increased building work traffic on Green Lanes which is already congested especially at peak times. Do you believe that the local electorate wants greater pollution?

Environmental impact – this proposed development will lead to the loss of vital green space and lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands. The site is home to a variety of birds including Woodpeckers and poplars and oak trees with protection orders. In 1986, the then Secretary of State allowed planning permission for Sainsbury's to be built with the condition that the green space was retained for community use. Do you believe that the local electorate wants their environment to be degraded further?

Impact on physical and mental health – the area is used by families and elderly alike which contributes to the health and well-being of all residents of Enfield. The green space is especially useful for residents who live in the surrounding flats and do not have gardens. Do you believe that the local electorate want their physical and mental health to suffer?

Impact on local character – the proposed development would need to offer housing in character with the local properties in Winchmore Hill. The proposed site is also introduce high density housing (up to 3 times the currently housing density of the surrounding area) in an area which has existed as a London suburb for more than 100 years. Furthermore, this proposed development is an area which is already over development given the recent and ongoing developments along Green Lanes such as Capitol House and the former Travis Perkins site. There will also be a detrimental impact on the Enfield skyline as this development is unlikely to be in keeping with the existing character of the area. Do you believe that the local electorate wishes to see the local character of the area impacted?

I hope that you will carefully consider my objections and I urge you and your administration to reconsider the overall impact of your seriously flawed Draft Enfield Local Plan. I have no doubt that this will be a major issue at the forthcoming local elections and the electorate may have something to say about it.