

I am writing to object to the plans to demolish the Winchmore Hill Sainsbury's and build homes and commercial space. I have lived in the area for 40 years and for a number of reasons, I don't believe this is the right decision for the area.

I agree with the reasons stated below, particularly the impact so many more people will have on the area with schools and doctors etc already oversubscribed. Also the fact that it is the only large local supermarket in the area and very important for the community.

Please reconsider these plans based on the hugely negative impact it will have on the area and current residents and businesses, not to mention the environment and the reasons listed below:

#### 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, dentists
- 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)
- 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
- 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. However, 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

