
Objection to redevelopment of supermarket and car park to mixed-use homes and non-residential floorspace.

As a local resident I am objecting to this proposal because :

1. This is my main supermarket where I do my weekly shop and it is convenient as it is a short drive or bus ride from my home. I can purchase a number of items that are not available at my small local shops and I can choose the fresh fruit and vegetables and meat that I need. I don't want to be forced into driving a lot further to shop and this would result in increasing pollution and congestion on the local roads. Home delivery does not meet my needs.
2. The extra traffic in Green Lanes will have a considerable impact in terms of air pollution on the local primary school (Highfields) which is very close. Green Lanes is already congested at peak times and this will be made worse both during construction of the site and subsequently by the new residents.
3. Shopping at this main Sainsburys means that residents, particularly the elderly and disabled, have an opportunity to socialise with others and the staff and helps to reduce loneliness and mental health problems.
3. Independent local shops in Green Lanes(Winchmore Hill) have benefitted as customers have been able to park in Sainsburys' car park and their trade will suffer in future.
4. The housing development will have a detrimental effect on the local facilities- more schools, doctors' surgeries and dentists will be required especially as there are already new housing developments in progress nearby at Capitol House and Travis Perkins on Green Lanes.
5. The green space within the Sainsburys site needs to be protected as it an important habitat for birds and tree species and is enjoyed by local people, especially those living in homes without gardens. This was a condition for granting planning permission when the supermarket was built in 1986.

In general I believe that it is a serious mistake to develop the sites of the main supermarkets in local areas as they act as the hub for the local community - it is not just a place to shop but somewhere where residents can socialise and they act as a magnet for customers to visit local independent shops nearby.

Please will you confirm that you have received this objection.