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Hello

I am an Enfield resident and am deeply concerned by certain aspects in the draft local plan. Whilst the proposal to build on brown field sites is good, this needs to be accompanied by local infrastructure regeneration to make the development attractive to developers and residents alike.

There are certain aspects that I strongly object to and it is disappointing to see a Labour council advocating

- The Sainsburys supermarket serves the Winchmore Hill and Palmers Green residents, and is in walking distance of many. It was itself built on a park that used to be on the site. To remove both and build homes there will add to the already overcrowded roads and traffic, is building on what limited parkland is already left and will force elderly residents to shop elsewhere (no comparable alternatives in the area). The supermarket was only allowed to be built by the secretary of state in 1986 under the condition that the residual green space is used for community use, which it is by the neighbouring houses and flats, many of whom are elderly.
- The loss of the Fords Grove car park will remove parking for local shops on Winchmore Hill Broadway, bring in more traffic, pollution and congestion and exacerbate already overcrowded school issues.
- The environmental impact of building on these sites will lead to destruction of rare urban green spaces in Enfield, loss of habitat for three different woodpecker species and trees with protection orders on them
- The change in demographic means that Enfield families are larger now than was once the case and there is a need for larger housing that this site cannot provide, relative to a more extensive brown field site.
- There has already been extensive development in the Winchmore Hill area with a number of flats and apartments being built on and around green lanes .
- Winchmore Hill Green and the area around is a conservation area, to build properties like this on the boundary is inconsistent with the local built environment and would have a negative impact on both the skyline and ground level look and feel of the area.

This building on open spaces is becoming a theme in Enfield with anything seemingly in scope for development and the housing not consistent with the needs of local residents. I support building on brownfield sites but the destruction of rare open spaces would have a negative impact on the social wellbeing of Enfield, something that has been even more visible in the past 18 months.

I strongly object to these aspects in the local plan

