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Dear Counsellor

I attach below a copy of an e-mail sent to our MP which is self-explanatory. As Leader of Enfield Council and responsible for making these ill-thought through decisions, I hope you take note of the many disadvantages of such short-sighted proposals, the effect on the local community and the environment.

I hope it is not too late to think again about rescinding such disastrous decisions.

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Date: Tue, 14 Sept 2021 at 21:04

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Dear

Green Lanes Proposal to remove Sainsbury Winchmore Hill N21

I am extremely horrified and upset to learn Enfield council has proposed the Sainsbury site at Green Lanes Winchmore Hill N21 should be closed by compulsory purchase and replaced with 299 flats to provide additional housing in its place.

The Department of the Environment judged Sainsbury should develop the site to its current position today where it stands as an essential utility and support to all of the surrounding community and to many beyond the immediate area. It is a good employer in Enfield too so closing the store is likely to forfeit jobs.

Clearly this is an absurd idea. Already the idiotic travel calming, one way streets and planters regime in the area together with the unwanted, unasked for and hardly used cycle lane system that has saddled ratepayers with excessive future maintenance costs have brought traffic almost to a standstill. The traffic queues and build up of congestion pollute the air with petrol fumes and particulates giving diminishing air quality and risking resident's health.

299 flats may have 150 additional cars or more - where are they going to park at night?

How much traffic modelling have you done as our MP when those cars go out to work in the mornings and return in the evening rush? Have you tried driving around Winchmore Hill? Extra cars on my doorstep is certainly unwanted. I can hardly get out of the end of the road because of traffic queues brought about by unnecessary traffic policies by the council. Everytime a bus halts at a bus stop all traffic behind the bus stalls, waiting for the bus to move : if any traffic turns off the main road then similarly all traffic waits, burning up precious fuel and time which otherwise could be used more productively. Using large plants and grasses in the planters at exactly the eyeline of car drivers turning and entering into Green Lanes is dangerous as they obscure the view.

I believe Sainsbury is an essential store which plays a pivotal role in the local community and should be allowed to continue its trade in the way envisioned by the Department of Environment decision. In contrast there are better brown field site locations more suitable to housing than this one in Green Lanes.

The Winchmore Hill school opposite Sainsbury already overcrowds the bus services at certain times of day and, added to by the recent Capital House development, places additional pressures on passenger congestion. If the population of an extra 299 flats is added I believe this will become intolerable for current residents.

If it is Enfield council's view that it is a good idea for residents to in future have to drive to other supermarkets where parking is more difficult for residents then I would be pleased to hear how you think this extra fuel cost and pollution helps the country's climate change objectives.

I have to inform you that if the housing development of Sainbury does go ahead you will not have my vote in future and I am confident that is the case for many residents as we feel very strongly in maintaining our local supermarket store.

Yours sincerely,

