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Hello

I live in Winchmore Hill and I am strongly objecting to the proposed development in this area as set out in the local plan. I support the development of brownfield sites, but not the destruction of rare green spaces in Enfield with the negative impact on the environment and residents wellbeing.

There are certain aspects that I would like to highlight;

- The Sainsburys supermarket was allowed to be built on an existing park on the condition that the residual green space is left to be used by the community. To destroy this is a breach of this condition and removes a local supermarket valuable for jobs and the local community shopping. It would force more cars onto the roads as residents need to drive to further away alternatives and for those less mobile or elderly this leaves them no choice at all.
- 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 in the neighbourhood. The infrastructure cannot support these homes.
- 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 already and there is no need for further development here, at the expensive of our green spaces.
- Winchmore Hill Green and the area around is a conversation 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

Thanks

