
As a local resident I am vehemently against the proposals in the above-captioned plan to develop the site currently occupied by Sainsbury. The reasons for my objections are as follows:

Local Facilities

- Any 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
- There appear to be no supporting community infrastructure planned which will inevitably lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries, dentists etc
- 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 traffic and carbon monoxide levels which will impact locals and especially school children

Environmental

- This development will lead to the disruption and possible 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 Sainsbury 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 well-being of all residents of Enfield
- The area is an asset of community value and should be protected

Other issues

- The proposed development will not be in keeping with the character of existing housing in the Winchmore Hill area
- This is an 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 a major impact on the skyline of Winchmore Hill and not in keeping with the existing character of the area

In addition to the above I also object to the usage of Green Belt areas for development in particular draft policy **DM BG16 in the local plan (Firs Farm Wetlands Site IDSA59)**

- The Firs Farm Wetlands area is an asset of community value and an important resource to

the local population

- There appears to be a contradiction in the draft plan as the Strategic Policy SP CL14 identifies Firs Farm Wetlands as facilitating and contributing towards developing sport and leisure facilities in Enfield
- The proposal will significantly impact the local Site of Interest for Nature Conservation and reduce the biodiversity and nature conservation interest of the wetlands, contrary to several other policies in the local plan
- The proposal will also reduce the effectiveness of the flood alleviation provided by the Firs Farm wetlands which Enfield Council has previously provided at considerable cost
- If the policy goes ahead it will introduce uncertainty into the future use of Firs Farm wetlands that will inevitably jeopardise funding for projects secured by local community groups (e.g. from Thames Water) that have been endorsed and supported by Enfield Council

For the above reasons all reference to Firs Farm Wetlands should be removed from policy SP CL4