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I have to object to the proposal by the council to build residential flats on the car park in Fords Grove. I moved to Fords Grove in 1983. It was, then, a quiet road with the car park containing free car parking spaces for shoppers etc in Winchmore Hill.

Since then the road has become one of the busiest rat runs in the borough (bearing in mind that the council is supposedly in opposition to rat runs and does very little to prevent them) and during the weekdays the road is full of commuter and commercial vehicles owing to the creation by the council of CPZs north of green lanes. The council has introduced parking charges for the car park thus adding to the parking congestion in Fords Grove during the week. A number of the car park spaces are free for a limited time to enable shoppers to access shopping on Winchmore Hill Broadway.

The building of 24 flats on this site will:

1. Prevent shoppers being able to park whilst doing their shopping since the road is generally full of parked vehicles by 09:00. There is already a lack of parking spaces due to the councils past planning thus damaging further businesses already inconvenienced by past plans.
2. Will add to the already acute parking and congestion problems in Fords Grove. Many cars are removed over the months because of parking over driveways causing much inconvenience to residents, although I do realise this makes money for the council at residents inconvenience!

It really is time for the council to consider the well being of its residents especially those who have lived in the borough for years and, as I have, seen a gradual but definite decline in the way the council responds to its residents.

Your sincerely,