
Oh NO why are the Council planning to knock down Sainsburys and develop the site for yet more housing!!!

We strongly object to losing the only large supermarket in the area for the following reasons:

* This is the only place where one can buy all one's groceries, pharmaceutical needs, clothing, toys in one place. Where does the Council expect local residents to shop? Thought the whole point was to use local facilities so we did not have to use our cars? The Council has spent a ridiculous amount on cycle lanes which are hardly used. Where does the Council expect many of us elderly and disabled residents to shop? Are we supposed to drive to Enfield? If you are elderly or disabled you cannot do a large shop by bus. The roads thanks to the Council's imposing of LTNs are ridiculously congested and polluted.

* If these extra flats are built where are these families going to find doctors? The local GP surgeries are full to capacity - likewise where are the extra school places? There are already many flats being built along Green Lanes causing disruption. The flats at the Fox Lane site have been increased in number from 30 plus to 50 plus towering over the facade of the Fox Pub. Where is the careful consideration of preserving the character of Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill? Does Winchmore Hill need more flats when the Travis Perkins and Capital House sites have been developed? Can young families afford these developments? Are these flats in any way suitable for families? Hasn't the pandemic taught us that people wish to live with outside space and not in concrete jungle?

* Is the green space behind Sainsbury to be kept for everyone's benefit - and what about the disruption to wildlife there? or is that commitment under the 1986 planning application for Sainsburys being abandoned? This space is enjoyed by many local people and must not be swallowed up in private development. This Council has already concreted over so much and is planning a wholesale sell off of Enfield's green spaces including Crews Hill and east of Trent Park.

* We know there are many families on the housing list especially in the east of the borough and they need large family homes not small flats they cannot afford. Who benefits from the sell off of all our publicly owned spaces? It seems Enfield Council makes a quick buck but the real beneficiaries are private landlords who make a killing.

Please reconsider the selling off of the Sainsburys site as this is a public amenity with parking so locals can shop there and support the smaller shops too.