
Dear Sir/Madam

Objection to SA32, Sainsburys Green Lanes N21 3RS. Page 351 of Enfield Local Plan: Redevelopment of supermarket and car park to mixed-use homes and non-residential floor space.

It came to my attention that Enfield Council is potentially trying to approve the above planning application with complete disregard to the residents' feelings and quality of life. I have lived in Enfield for 30 years. What once was a pleasant, green, clean, well run borough has become the opposite. We live here, we pay the council tax and yet we are barely consulted on any major decisions impacting our life in this borough. It seems to me that the Council thinks it can do what it wants with our money and we just have to put up with this.

It is shocking what has been happening for the last few years with cutting off the smaller streets and creating unnecessary pollution and confusion on the roads, poor maintenance of pavements and trees, fortnightly rubbish collection.....the list is endless.

Has the Council considered the following:

Local Facilities

- The 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.
- No supporting community infrastructure planned which will lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries 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 carbon monoxide levels which will impact locals and especially school children at Highfields school.

Environmental

- This development will lead to the 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)
- 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 wellbeing of all residents of Enfield

Other issues

- This development will need to offer housing in keeping with the character of existing housing in Winchmore Hill. Enfield residents require larger, affordable family housing which this development will not be able to offer.
- 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 an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area.

I very strongly object to the above development.

I wonder if the proposed development of crematorium has anything to do with building more and more houses in already densely populated areas. Is Council predicting more deaths as a result of making living conditions so much worse for all us that we will be dropping dead at a much higher rate than in the past?

Please comment.

Thank you

Regards