
The consultation is a flawed:

- Leaflet advising residents of a consultation that had started on the 21 June was not delivered till 17th August. This limited the time available to respond prior to 13th September.
- Information requested from the council to address and respond to the consultation has not been provided by the Council prior to the deadline of 13 September. This makes the responses less than complete.
- The document containing the plans did not clearly include in the “places” Winchmore Hill area. This means that many residents who would reasonably believe that the Winchmore Hill area was not impacted and would not have had their say.
- Feedback from an Enfield councillor indicates that the Council has already made up its mind on the Winchmore Hill development. Stating there is no point of us objecting as the secretary of state would approve it if we objected.

Comments re Sainsbury’s site, 681Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, London N21 3RS and Firs Park

The proposal to build 299 new homes on the Sainsbury’s Winchmore Hill site is flawed for many reasons as follows:

- The plan has missed the fact that several new apartment developments on this relatively small part on green lanes of a few hundred yards between Fernleigh road and station road have just taken place including the former Century House, Capitol House, the site opposite Sainsbury’s, the old Police Station and the Travis Perkins site. The impact of all these is yet to hit this small area.
- People from the immediate area, including the elderly, and those from further afield use the existing supermarket, squeezing on to the site 299 plus house would reducing car parking space and possibly the surrounding green space.
- The immediate area is very busy since the poorly implemented cycle lane with a near constant traffic queues behind buses at bus stops and additional traffic lights. all which are impacting our health and the local environment. By building even more homes this will make the problem much worse.
- The building of apartment blocks would completely detract from and destroy the character of the area which was very recently in 2020 described by the Times newspaper as a green leafy area Offering well-proportioned houses.
- Building more apartments in this small area of Winchmore Hill will lead to over urbanisation and over population of the area.
- The park area surrounding the store provides an area for local residents and families to meet, relax and enjoy the trees and open space. By removing this to accommodate homes you will be taking away a much-needed local amenity. How can you claim Enfield is the ‘green lung’ of London if you are removing small local spaces? The park should be protected at the very least and made an Asset of Community Value.
- When Sainsbury’s was first built, a condition of the planning permission was that a proportion of the land (which was previously playing fields) should be retained as green space for use by the local community. It was also a condition that the store could not be built over two storeys high to preserve the character of the immediate area. Surely, these principles still apply today.
- The building this number of new homes in this part of Winchmore Hill will cause nuisance and annoyance in particular to residents overlooking the green space around Sainsburys, which will lead to extensive legal challenges to the council plans.
- This additional number of people will make public transport even busier. In particular, the train service from Winchmore Hill (pre-pandemic) was overcrowded and unreliable. Again, more people travelling from this area will exacerbate this problem.
- The use of the car park space along with the proposed additional retail outlets would lead

to congested roads and create pressure on parking and new problem on the surrounding streets which will then be used as parking spaces for retail outlet visitors.

- The plans lead to a potential flood of expensive claims for reduction in property values.
- The build of flat on the site at Sainsbury's Winchmore Hill is flawed It is not needed and more crucially is not wanted by local residents, who will vehemently oppose it at every opportunity
- Many of the trees and their roots in the green area surrounding Sainsburys are protected by tree protection order.
- There are protecting species including Bats, breeding birds and dormice habituating in the veteran trees in the green space. These will be protected by local residents, government and environmental organisations.
- Any additional retail outlets there will continue the demise of the nearby high street, we saw the effect of Sainsbury's being first allowed to have a Starbucks, then Specsavers has had on the near by Palmers green high street. Are you just willing for Sainsburys to continue its expansion at the expense of other small nearby retailers? Is someone in the council making a personal financial gain from this!.

The Firs park green space,:

- The destruction of the recently developed and much-loved green space at Firs Park is nothing short of shocking. over a million pounds was spent to provide a green space for residents which the council was complemented on and is expensively used by local residents for recreational purposes.
- The Firs park green space, was and is a vital amenity for many of the residents with and without gardens who needed a nearby open space to go to during lockdown. It still is heavily used on a daily bases with the new normal working arrangements

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- The Enfield housing policy seems to be drafted by Sainsburys and venture capitalists who are motivated by greed.
- The plans are a return to poorly thought through developments of high tower and condensed population areas of the past. Which councils then had to eventually spend millions to demolish. Do you just love wasting money!
- The whole plan is leading to negative over urbanisation with the destruction of green spaces, overcrowding and creation of slums.
- Is it surprising how naive and inexperienced the producers of these plans are? Missing every opportunity to create something much better rather than doing what they are politically pushed into doing.
- The fast advances in environmental solutions such as on-site per home water recycling and use of renewable energy at a local level have not been added in the plans. Other cities around the world have has such policies as standard for many years!
- Environmental improvements to air quality by easing traffic congestion by improving traffic flow have been missed. While cars continue to held queuing behind buses stopping in the middle of roads.
- The use of Cycling as a serious method of transport with segregated routes for commuting safely to London City centre has not been addressed.
- The use of cycling to reach the green spaces and riverside recreational areas have not been addressed. Maybe that's because the Council plans to destroy these green spaces!

The Council should focus on making the lives of its current residents better , before looking at cramming more people within its boundaries. Making it even more difficult and expensive for itself and us to provide proper services.

Levels of crime, with selling of drugs openly on streets of Enfield and Winchmore Hill is becoming common practice.

The safety of children including young girls who are exploited by gangs is being ignored by the council and the local police.

Theft of cars in our borough is becoming the norm with the council and police acting a spectator gathering statistical information.

The increase of extreme weather conditions causing floods is putting our lives and our properties at risk. An increase in green and open space is needed.

The living Environment and the air we breathe has become much worse following from the badly executed road schemes putting our lives and our children's lives at risk.