
Dear Enfield Council,

Response to the Draft Local Plan Fords Grove Car Park SA42 Consultation 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this important consultation.

I am writing to object to draft policy as above in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This involves redeveloping Fords Grove car park as a site for housing use. I oppose this policy because:

Local Facilities

- If the Fords Grove car park goes and 14% of car parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway has already gone, this development will lead to a further loss of revenue to local shops leading to potential closures. This is the only public car park in Winchmore Hill in an area with a severe shortage of parking

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
- Furthermore, parking on Fords Grove, which is already difficult, will be impacted even more by residents and guests of residents and driving along the road will be even more hazardous as the road will be more congested because of all the parked cars

Other issues

- This development will need to offer housing in keeping with the character of existing housing in Winchmore Hill. However, 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 (Fords Grove 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