

Dear Draft Planning Committee

Re Draft Local Plan SA32 Sainsbury's Green Lanes

I am submitting my comments on the above draft plan with a sense of confusion as to whether this plan is real or not.

If, as I have been assured, this is a consultation exercise where the Council throws ideas around but has no intention of going ahead with it, why bother to make it a formal plan, draft or otherwise? According to staff at Sainsbury's neither the Manager nor Head Office had any idea that this Draft Plan was being considered. Are you at all aware of the upset and distress you have caused to so many local residents who rely on being able to access food and household goods from that store and have been horrified at the prospect of its loss in accessibility?

If it is a genuine proposal then I question the wisdom of the planning committee. Has anyone involved ever used that particular Sainsbury's, especially at high peak times. The loss of access to such a vital amenity, never mind the loss of vital and limited green spaces, plus breaking promises made years ago to protect the surrounding space and to replace it with the prospect of hundreds of new homes.

If your Agenda is densification of Winchmore Hill, then it is a disaster waiting to happen. The need for doctors, dentists, schools, hospitals for example are stretched already, yet this plan will ensure that the demands on these services increase. What none of us need are more people squashed into limited spaces under the guise of 'new homes'. The densification will add to the stress of all those living in the new and existing homes, lowering the quality of life for all involved.

I sincerely hope that is not the aspiration of Enfield Council.

Yours in trust