

Dear Enfield Council

Draft Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation 2021 – SA42 Fords Grove Car Park Response - OBJECTION

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

I am writing this letter to object to draft policy SA42 in the Draft Enfield Local Plan. This allocates the existing Fords Grove Car Park as a site for housing

I strongly oppose this policy because:

1. Most of the street parking to visit the Winchmore Hill high street has been removed due to the new and successful cycle lane, and the Fords Grove car park is the only public parking available to the High Street.
2. The car park was a fundamental part of the Cycle Enfield scheme to ensure there was no unacceptable impact on local businesses from the cycle lanes. Removing the only public car park to Winchmore Hill Broadway will severely impact the local shops and businesses, cause further closures and destroy the quality of the high street.
3. The parking is required for those carrying out a large shop, that live further away, are elderly, are passing through or residents driving home from working outside of London.
4. The car park is used by people visiting the adjacent sports fields at the Paulin Ground when the sports fields car park is full (which is whenever there are sporting fixtures at the grounds), loss of the car park will force visiting sports men and women (and spectators) to park in the nearby street, taking up spaces used by residents, or obstructing driveways.
5. More housing/flats This will overpopulate the area, given the recent and future developments along Green Lanes - Travis Perkins, Capitol House etc.
6. No supporting infrastructure- doctors, dentists, schools etc.
7. Fords Grove and Farm Road are narrow streets and subject to quite a lot of traffic, this will greatly increase Congestion on the local roads and put severe pressure on parking.

I call on the Council to remove all reference to SA42 Fords Grove Car Park from the Enfield Local Plan.

The comments provided in this response to the consultation are my own views.