

Dear Sirs,

I write to state my objections to the plan of developing the Sainsbury's supermarket and Ford's Grove into housing and converting Firs Farm into a crematorium.

These proposals will seriously impact family life in Winchmore Hill, reducing green space and basic amenities, not to mention, lead to job losses by the disappearance of Sainsburys.

Having a crematorium in a residential area is not appropriate, especially where there is an abundance of young families. Children need an outdoor space where they can be at one with nature, a place that is a stone's throw away from their doorstep. Having just been developed as a new outdoor recreational area, the thought of this disappearing before our very eyes is outrageous.

The lack of a major supermarket in the area is going to drive many people, including the elderly and disabled, to stores further away – they can't rely on online shopping or friends and relatives to shop on their behalf.

Increasing the number of residents whilst at the same time reducing parkland and services makes no sense at all. Winchmore Hill is not the only part of the borough of Enfield. Surely, other areas can and should be considered. Yes, housing is in short supply but the heavy concentration of building and development need not be in one localised area. There is plenty of open space in Enfield, unused commercial buildings and offices – surely these options should be examined first and foremost.

Winchmore Hill is already a very busy and congested place and will be even more so if these plans go ahead. The effect on transport, traffic and ultimately the environment will be significant.

The above are just a few of the reasons why I object.