

I live in Enfield and object to the Draft Local Plan in relation to the development proposed at the Sainsburys on Green Lanes.

Here are the reasons for my objection:

- This development could lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands and trees with protection orders. The local plan lists the whole Sainsburys site, car park and surrounding park area. Only the Sainsburys site and car park should be considered as many of the trees in the park are protected. Why was this not made clear in the plan?
- When planning permission was granted for the Sainsburys building over the previously existing playing fields, that was done on the condition that the green space was retained for community use. This should continue yet the local plan does not state that the green space will be protected.
- The green space around the Sainsburys site is a great community asset. It is especially useful for residents who live in the surrounding flats and do not have gardens. Even though I live in a house with a garden, I use that park regularly for quick access to fresh air and nature for my children who are 3 and 6. It's a perfect spot for some exercise after school or at the weekend and really showed its value to me in lockdown.
- Is there any supporting community infrastructure planned for the development? If not there will be an extra burden on existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries, dentists etc. It is already extremely difficult for local residents to get a place for their children at Highfield school and additional housing at that location will only reduce the catchment area for that school further and force local families to travel to Firs Farm school by car.
- 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
- Development at this site will lead to an over development of the area given the recent and future developments along Green Lanes - Travis Perkins, Capitol House etc
- It would not be appropriate to build a high rise building on this location, right in the middle of the leafy Winchmore Hill area. Given the number of houses proposed for this site, alongside retaining the existing Sainsburys and possibly adding in further commercial enterprises, it seems only possible to do all that with high-rise. That kind of development is in no way in keeping with the immediate surrounding area. Other sites must be far better placed for high-rise development.

I have only heard about this consultation through neighbours and friends in the borough and I live right next to an area proposed for development. I know that there are others who are only just hearing about the plan. This consultation has not been advertised widely enough to ensure that all those affected will have the opportunity to respond. In addition, the local plan document is extremely long and difficult to decipher.

