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Strategic Planning & Design  
Enfield Council  
NW1 3BR

Submission via email: [Localplan@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:Localplan@enfield.gov.uk)

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Enfield Local Plan Main Issues and Preferred Approaches (Regulation 18) Consultation Representations on behalf of Westmill Foods (26 Crown Road, Enfield, EN1 1TZ)**

We act on behalf of Westmill Foods and have been instructed to submit representations to the above consultation. We request that contents of this submission are taken into account in the current consultation.

**Westmill Foods**

Westmill Foods is a specialist food company, manufacturer and supplier of Asian and Afro-Caribbean food, operating in the UK and Europe. It is an established business, having operated from its factory at 26 Crown Road ('the Site') in the Southbury/Great Cambridge Road area for a number of years. The enclosed Site Location Plan (ref: 19-01224\_SLP01) identifies the Site and the extent of our client's ownership. Westmill Foods is committed to the long term operation at the Site.

**The Site's Designation**

The Site is located within the Great Cambridge Road Strategic Industrial Location ('SIL'), which is identified as one of strategically important industrial locations critical to the effective functioning of London's economy (Policy E2). SILs are safeguarded for industrial, storage and distribution and related sui generis uses. Westmill Foods' operations are entirely consistent with the function of the SIL and should therefore be protected. As such, we support the continued designation of the Site within the SIL.

The Site is also located within the Southbury Placemaking Vision area. Southbury is identified as a key gateway and the vision seeks to transform the area through mixed use developments and improvements to the environment including walking provisions. Figure 3.3 shows new walking route opportunities within the Placemaking Vision area, including a route from the A10 Great Cambridge Road to Crown Road via the southeastern edge of the Site. Policy SP2 PL2 identifies pedestrian/cycle routes as one of specific priorities in terms of improvements to the public realm for which financial contributions will be sought.

We **strongly object** to the identified new walking route opportunity concerning the Site for the following reasons:

- The entirety of the walking route opportunity is on third party land, including Westmill Foods' operational land. As the Site Location Plan shows, the service yard is located on the western side of the factory building and is accessed along the southern and eastern edge of the Site. Even if the walking route is shared between the Site and its adjoining land, any provision of a footpath on the edge of the Site would have a detrimental impact on the operation of the factory in terms of HGV access and health and safety risks to the extent that it would materially prejudice the ongoing operation of the factory.
- The provision of the envisaged new walking route through the existing heavy industrial sites from the A10 Great Cambridge Road and Crown Road is not justified. It is not considered that the walking route will materially improve the walking route/connection in the area. Rather, there will be an adverse impact on the ongoing industrial operations, as explained above.

We therefore request that the new walking route opportunity from the A40 Great Cambridge Road to Crown Road is deleted.

### **Conclusion**

Westmill Foods is an established food manufacturing factory located within the Great Cambridge Road SIL area and is committed to the long term operation at the Site. We are concerned about the new walking route opportunity envisaged as part of Southbury Placemaking Vision, as it would have a detrimental impact on our client's ongoing industrial operation. We therefore strongly object to this specific route and request that it is removed from the placemaking vision policy for Southbury.

We would be grateful for acknowledgement of receipt.

Yours sincerely,



**SITE LOCATION PLAN**

26 Crown Road  
ENFIELD  
EN1 1DZ



Scale @ A4 : 1:1250

Plan No. : 19-01224\_SLP01



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