

To whom it may concern

We wish to protest against the above plan for several reasons, including the following:

1. As long-term residents of Enfield, we remember when this supermarket was built on the Stationers' School playing field that it was allowed only on condition that the periphery would have green areas. What will happen to these if this plan goes ahead? Obviously, at a time when we are all aware of the importance of protecting Nature, nobody should destroy the trees, plants and habitats that this area affords.
2. Destruction of this much-used supermarket will oblige people to drive further, causing more pollution on roads. We have heard the argument that there are currently more home deliveries but this is the result of the pandemic and the situation is already changing. Many people prefer to shop personally. In addition, the demolition and construction process in itself will cause more pollution.
3. There is already a shortage of parking in Winchmore Hill, partly because of the loss of Ford's Grove car park and this is obviously damaging local businesses; the loss of Sainsbury's car park will exacerbate the problem.
4. We are informed by the Council that Enfield is obliged to provide more housing - an agreement with the Mayor of London (?) - but we do wonder whether our borough has the infrastructure to support the proposed additional population. Schools are already over-subscribed, as are doctors and dentists. Have we adequate utilities? Moreover, we wonder whether sufficient thought has gone into the kind of housing needed. As with the plan to build on green spaces, on which we have already commented, the people who will profit the most will be wealthy developers and buyers who can afford the prices.

We have probably wasted our time in writing this and many people just won't bother to write as the current feeling is that Enfield Council pays little or no attention to residents' views on proposed plans. We can but hope that this changes.

