

Good morning,

It has been brought to my attention that Enfield Council are looking to knock down and redevelop the Sainsbury's site.

I think this is a very poorly thought out plan. My reasons are below.

Local Facilities

- The loss of a major supermarket in the area will force people to have to drive further and making a mockery of the low traffic neighbourhood. This would especially affect elderly and disabled residents and increase car usage on local roads
- No supporting community infrastructure appears to have been planned which will lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries, dentists. I already have to drive my 5 year old to a school in Arnos Grove because my local schools are so ridiculously full, despite living 3 minutes' walk from a faith school and 10 minutes walk from Walker School.

Impact on local residents

- 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

Environmental

- This development will lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands – the site is home to at least three different species of woodpecker (greater/lesser spotted and green varieties) as well as trees with protection orders (poplars and oak trees)
- In 1986, the Secretary of State allowed planning permission for Sainsburys to be built with the condition that the green space was retained for community use
- The green space is especially useful for residents who live in the surrounding flats and do not have gardens
- The area is used by families and elderly alike, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of all residents of Enfield

This development should offer housing in keeping with the character of existing housing in Winchmore Hill. Enfield residents require larger, affordable family housing which this development will not offer.

- Inappropriate choice of site given the close proximity of existing traditional historical properties.
- This development will lead to an over development of the area given the recent and future developments along Green Lanes
- There will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes) already congested especially at peak times
- There will be an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area