

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to strongly object to the proposed plans regarding the re-development of the Sainsburys site on Green Lanes.

The new residents of this development will undoubtedly add to the existing traffic on green lanes, as there will be more vehicles on the roads. This will heavily impact the local residents of Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill as the Lakes Estates off Fox Lane are no longer in use, meaning that the surrounding areas of Southgate, Winchmore Hill and Palmers Green will be an absolute nightmare to navigate. The travel time to reach places will undoubtedly double, not to mention the extra carbon monoxide emissions caused by the extra vehicles.

The development will also lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands- the site is home to at least three different species of woodpecker which are rarely spotted, in addition to oak trees with protection orders. 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 area who do not have access to a garden. What if there was another COVID wave? These residents would be trapped in their flats, no access to greenery... this will lead to mental health issues- easily avoidable by protecting the green space and forfeiting re-development plans.

Furthermore, local facilities will be negatively impacted. With the loss of Fords Grove car park and 14% of parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway having gone, this development will lead to a further loss of revenue for surrounding shops and small local businesses. Business owners have extremely struggled throughout the countless COVID lockdowns- keeping their businesses alive has not been easy or most (and sadly not even possible for others). Just as we are heading out of the COVID crisis, you want to make it harder for customers to visit shops, go to restaurants, support local businesses? It must be made clear that people's livelihoods are at stake.

Additionally, the students of Winchmore Hill School frequently visit the Sainsburys at lunch, after school... even before school. It is unfair to take this away from children who can't afford school dinners and rely on finding a cheaper alternative at the local Sainsburys. This also applies to any family who rely on finding cheaper alternatives to the nearby M&S or Waitrose.

The list of reasons to abandon these plans could go on forever.

I hope you take into consideration all the above reasons & forfeit this ridiculous plan which will only lead to more inconvenience.

Thanks