

Dear Sirs

I was surprised and concerned to see in the local plan the proposal to redevelop the Sainsburys site on Green Lanes with 299 houses and 13,325 sq metres of commercial space. Like many residents I rely on the supermarket, especially since I am also carer to my very elderly mother who live nearby. The convenience offered by the site which includes Lloyds Pharmacy and Specsavers Opticians is considerable. I strongly object to the proposal and also note the following additional issues which will have a wider impact on the community:

#### **Impact on local facilities**

- The loss of a major supermarket in the area will force people to have to drive further. This would especially affect elderly and disabled residents and increase car usage on local roads.
- There is no supporting community infrastructure planned which will lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries etc. in the locality.
- With the loss of Fords Grove car park and 14% of car parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway having gone, this development will lead to a further loss of revenue to local shops leading to potential closures.

#### **Impact on local residents**

- The increase in vehicles on the road from potential residents of this development, will increase carbon monoxide levels significantly which will impact locals, particularly school children at Highfields school.

#### **Environmental impact**

- 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).
- 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.

#### **Other issues**

- This development will need to 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 be able to offer.
- This development will lead to an over development of the area given the recent and future developments along Green Lanes - Travis Perkins, Capitol House etc
- Construction vehicles will cause disruption and increase traffic on an already congested road (Green Lanes) especially at peak times.

I very much hope that Enfield Council reconsiders and abandons the proposal in the

