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**Subject: objection to SA32 Sainsburys Green Lanes, N21 SRS plan to build 299 flats and a 13,000 sqm none res unit (page 31 of the Enfield Local Plan)**

I wish to formally object to the above proposal.

Firstly, I am very concerned at the way you have conducted the consultation for the Enfield Local Plan and in particular the plans to develop Sainsburys WH.

The consultation was live from June 2021 but virtually no one knew about the details until a leaflet was put through peoples doors on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021. This effectively gives us less than a month to add any comments or concerns as the consultation runs out on 13<sup>th</sup> September. The leaflet also directed us to a 400 page document which is also miss leading and does not clearly lay out the plans for this site, so much so that both Cllr Barnes and Cllr Barry initially told residents that the land was unavailable for development. It was only after Cllr Barnes checked with the planning office that he found out that developers have expressed an interest to develop the site. I would like to thank Cllr Barnes for the help and advice that he has provided so far and his continuing support but feel the council needs to do more to communicate with the wider community to avoid the usual accusations of inadequate consultation.

The leaflet also informed residents about a face to face

consolation day that was happening at Palmers Green Library on 16<sup>th</sup> August 21. I actually attended this day as I had heard about it by word of mouth but it was very clear by the poor attendance that it was not communicated to residents. The meeting was also attended by 2 junior officers who were very guarded and had very little knowledge of the schemes proposed. We did at least get to see the actual plan and the officers tried their best to answer questions.

In my view the council have not properly carried out its duty to communicate this consultation to the communities affected directly and many people are completely unaware of this proposal.

We have done our best to communicate the actual proposal to the residents directly affected by this scheme in Fernleigh Road through our whats app group, but it is very clear that the vast majority of Winchmore Hill residents are completely unaware of this proposal and many of them back on to the scheme. We have heard reports that this is causing a lot of worry and upset to people who now face the prospect of high rise apartments build meters from their home and the council didn't even think it was necessary to directly inform them, thus denying them their democratic right to consult. Some residents are actually designing leaflets to post through neighbours doors in Orpington Road, Arlow and Arundal also. Surely this is not the responsibility of residents.

We have tried to pass on the message that the time frame for the proposal is 5-10 years but it is becoming increasingly obvious that this is not binding and if people are told this and they do not object, this will allow the developers and the council to draw the conclusion that there are no or few objections and the proposal will move to the next stage without significant opposition. I would like to state my objection formally to this tactic and urge you to do the right thing and allow residents close to each of the schemes to exercise their right to consultation by providing clear details of the proposals and a reasonable time frame for people to give comments.

I would like to object to this scheme for the following reasons:

- The scheme proposes 299 flats and a retail unit that is similar to the existing unit. This will result in high rise buildings and is completely out of character with the historic feel of the area which is exclusively Edwardian 2-3 story houses. The council has a responsibility to protect areas like Winchmore Hill and not give in to the greed of developers.
- The plans include the Green Space at the back of the site and this is totally unacceptable for the council to even allow the

developers to include this in the plans. The park area is full of trees, many of which are up to 100 years old and home to many species of birds and other wildlife so will destroy their habitat. Enfield claims to be a council that is protecting the environment but seems happy to include the loss of an important green space that is not only a barrier to the increasing traffic that is building on Green Lanes, but is also an important area for local people to relax and enjoy a peaceful surrounding. Many children use this amenity as well as disabled and elderly people also. When Sainsbury's built their store in 1987 the planning rules stated that a certain percentage had to remain Green Space as the original usage if the land was Green Space and should be retained for community use, this was a condition laid down by the Secretary of State. It is a betrayal on the part of the council that more hasn't been done to make it clear to the developers that any plans to develop the park will not be considered.

- The proposal will effectively take away the majority of the parking and retain a large commercial unit. So where will people park? It is clear that people will park in the surrounding roads and we will experience more traffic and pressure on parking. We are already experiencing speeds of 40 mph plus speeds in our road and during the week it is very hard to park near our house as we don't have off street parking and a reduction in the air quality. Any proposal that allows Sainsburys to build flats and a supermarket must include stopping through traffic and prevent casual parking in the surrounding area by introducing long CPZ restrictions.
- I understand the need for more housing in the London but this proposal will saturate the area and put pressure on schools, NHS services, transport etc. I do not feel that the area can accommodate a development of this size. If Sainsburys want to build on the site they should consider far less, lower level units of no more than 3 stories and build accommodation that is more in keeping with the area and not destroy the look and feel of Winchmore Hill. This is more about profit and money than providing housing. Other sites should be considered in the east of the borough where wages are lower and the affordability model will mean more key workers will be able to afford the apartments. Other sites should be considered where they do not affect existing neighbourhoods.
- By encouraging this type of development and removing peoples ability to park and shop you will claim that this is part of the plan to reduce car usage, but all that will happen is people will drive to supermarkets further away like the A10 and

car usage will increase. Some people will move to online shopping but people will still drive and shop. This will partially affect the elderly and disabled.

• The dust and noise that this development will have will be horrendous and will affect many people. Sites away from such a densely populated area should be prioritised.

I call upon the council to extend the consultation period and reject these plans even if I understand that planning policies may take overall responsibility away from local decisions. I feel that a clear message to be sent to developers that residents quality of life and wellbeing should be put before profit and that Green space should be protected at all cost.