

Dear Enfield Council,

I am writing with reference to the Enfield Local Plan, published June 2021. Whilst I am sympathetic to the aims of the Local Plan, I must object to several of the specific points contained within:

Firstly, my wife and I have lived within the borough for nearly 6 years and are registered voters and council tax payers. Despite this, we only found out about the Local Plan by chance three days ago through a conversation with a neighbour. I am astonished that no material pertaining to this plan has been posted by the Council to local residents, especially residents - like ourselves - who live so close to one of the affected areas (SA32). For such an important and wide-ranging consultation, the engagement with the community has been poor in my view.

The second objection relates to the proposal SA32, which relates to the redevelopment of the Sainsbury's store and environs on Green Lanes at N21 3RS. This store is well-used, as are the surrounding woods and green space. We object to the loss of this store - we are a household without a car and this store's proximity makes it invaluable for essential shopping. The woodlands and green space are highly appreciated by the local residents, and we object to the loss of habitat and the destruction of these woodlands, both as a green space for residents and as a habitat for woodpeckers.

Furthermore, the potential environmental impact of the proposal is troubling. It will firstly increase the number of car journeys made by residents of Winchmore Hill for supermarket shopping (despite the replacement by local shops, most households in my experience still require the use of a supermarket). The impact on the traffic on Green Lanes both during and after the completion of the new development - which will affect the public bus route #329 and the recently-completed cycle lane, not only private vehicles, is potentially huge. And there is no supporting infrastructure planned, meaning that services either get over-stretched and/or must travel further (possibly by car) to reach suitable services.

On similar environmental grounds, I strongly object to the thousands of new homes in the Crews Hill area. Crews Hill is in a green belt area for good reason. There are lots of off-road walking routes, cycle route 12 and enjoyable green space in the area. We use it all the time. The argument that houses should be built around a transport hub is another way of saying that local Enfield people without cars cannot reach the countryside. I reject the idea that this is the only solution for houses in Enfield - there are large numbers of unused brownfield sites across the borough, as recently demonstrated by the construction of new flats at Capitol House (794 Green Lanes).