

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to raise my concerns on the draft local plan and in particular the proposals for the redevelopment of Sainsburys in Winchmore Hill. I live at 2 Arundel Garden, N21 3AE.

I object to the development proposal at Sainsburys. I work in the architectural industry myself and design large apartments on a daily basis. Therefore, I know that the only way to achieve the 299 units proposed for Sainsbury's would be to build several high-rise blocks.

Residents of Winchmore Hill choose to live here due to its suburban nature, making it a desirable area to live in. This development would ruin the character of Winchmore Hill. Residents do not want to live in an area surrounded by high-rise buildings and tower blocks. Promoting high-rise buildings in the area would drive down the house prices as well as the attractiveness of Winchmore Hill; resulting in people moving away from the area.

I object to the development proposal at Sainsbury's for the following reasons:

- It is my understanding that there is already a precedent/covenant that the Sainsburys site should not be considered for development. When Sainsbury's was originally built the conditions of the development were that it had to be sunken below ground level with a green buffer around the perimeter, both designed so that the local residents could not see Sainsburys from their homes. A new development of 299 units would completely disregard both these factors.
- Impact on light and the loss of light to local residents.
- A development of 299 units would take years to complete, causing tremendous disruption to local residents for a substantial amount of time, this will be exacerbated with large amounts of people working from home.
- Loss of privacy, the height of the proposed buildings will result in residents being overlooked.
- Change in the character of the area, particularly with the height of the proposed buildings.
- Negative impact on pollution levels.
- Local health care services and education shall be stretched further.
- Winchmore Hill station is already at peak capacity, frequently in rush hour (especially before covid) often you cannot get on the train because it is so busy. Building 299 units with hundreds of people living in them would cause even more pressure to the train station.
- I am registered at the GP around the corner from Sainsbury's. Currently it is already extremely difficult to get a doctors appointment. As this is the closest GP to Sainsbury's it would likely mean that the hundreds of people living at this development would also be at

this GP; making it almost impossible to get an appointment.

- Increased pressure on traffic and parking in the local vicinity.
- Sainsburys park is utilised by the local community, particularly the elderly and young who reside in local flats and have no garden. This green space contributes to the health and wellbeing of local residents and was vital during lock down.
- I understand there are also protected bat and stag beetle populations, on site / in the local surrounds too. The housing could result in lost habitat and with real risk of their extinction in the area.
- The potential loss of trees.
- Loss of jobs for those working at Sainsburys .
- Apartments will negatively impact the look and feel of the surrounding area. There has or shall be future developments in the vicinity i.e. Winchmore Hill Police Station, Travis Perkins, Capitol House etc. A new housing development would not be in keeping with the area where the majority of properties are dated back to Edwardian times. It would ruin the overall feel of the area.
- If Sainsburys is lost there is no other major supermarket in the area. This would severely affect elderly and disabled residents. Moreover, this will force people to drive or use already hard-pressed public transport to supermarkets further away
- There are alternative housing sites such as Morrisons in Palmers Green which would not affect any adjacent properties

There are a large number of other potential sites in Enfield, particularly in brownfield areas such as Meridian Water that are under developed. Therefore, I question why Enfield council is trying to pursue development sites in the heart of residential areas, upsetting so many local residents rather than developing brownfield or industrial sites.

I hope that you listen to my concerns as well as the other residents of Enfield, and do not include Sainsbury's as a potential development site in your local plan, as it would cause detrimental damage to the local residents.