

Hello,

I would like to object to Enfield Council's draft local plan to decrease the number of green spaces, trees and local amenities to build more housing. Winchmore Hill is a lovely place for a family to live currently but with the proposed plans I am concerned the following will happen:

#### **Local Facilities**

- The loss of a major supermarket in the area will force people to have to drive further. This would especially affect the elderly and disabled residents and increase car usage on local roads.
- No supporting community infrastructure planned which will lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries etc.
- With the Fords Grove car park going 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 which will impact locals and especially school children at Highfields school. Already the current developments on Green Lanes have led to higher traffic numbers, noise pollution and less residential parking.

#### **Environmental**

- 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). Bats live around the Farm Road carpark and surrounding houses and the loss of trees in the area will mean a loss of their habitat
- The green space at the Wetlands and Sainsburys 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

Pollution levels will increase with the extra need for cars, people and a reduction in greenery or trees

#### **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.
- Inappropriate choice of site given the close proximity of existing traditional historical properties.
- These developments will lead to an over development of the area given the recent and future developments along Green Lanes - Travis Perkins, Capitol House etc
- There will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes) already congested especially at peak times.

- There will be an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area.

Lack of parking will create a huge impact on the local businesses who already have been hit hard economically the last few years

Please don't ruin a lovely area which is already showing signs of over development. Urban trees and green spaces clean our air, protect wildlife, provide shade, and improve our mental wellbeing.