

Dear Enfield Council

I'm concerned to see that the Sainsbury's on Green Lanes appears in your Local Plan as a proposed space for an enormous development project. Clearly this is private land and this is not Sainsbury's plan so I would like to understand why the council is trying to persuade private landowners to sell off their land in order to develop it in this way without proper consideration.

I believe this land was previously a cricket pitch. It was sold, subject to a restrictive covenant which prohibits building on 4/10th of the land which is the remaining parkland which is used frequently by numerous local residents. To build on this land would be a breach of covenant and it is completely irresponsible of the council to suggest that Sainsbury's should consider ignoring it. Any attempt to breach this covenant will be contested to the full by local residents.

In addition to my reasoning above, I make further objections on the basis of the below:

#### 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
- No supporting community infrastructure planned which will lead to an overstretch of existing facilities such as schools, doctors' surgeries, dentists
- 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

#### 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)
- In 1986, the Secretary of State allowed planning permission for Sainsburys to be built with the condition that the green space was retained for community use
- 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. However, 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.
- 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
- There will be construction vehicle disruption and increased building work traffic on a road (Green Lanes) already congested especially at peak times particularly as a result of the LTN
- There will be an impact on the skyline of Enfield and not in keeping with the existing character of the area

I hope that the objections you have received will be a cause for reconsideration of the Local Plan in relation to the Sainsbury's on Green Lanes.

