

Please find below my comments and concerns regarding the Enfield Council Draft Local Plan.

Health and Wellbeing: Leisure Centres:

The following leisure centres would all appear to be in proposed “Place making” areas. The borough already neglects investment in Leisure Centres having offloaded the responsibility to Fusion. It now appears to be making plans to remove them.

SA11 (p330): Southbury Leisure Park

PL6 - Southgate (p63, p64): Southgate Leisure Centre

SA13 (p332): Edmonton Green: Leisure Centre

SA41 (p360): Albany Leisure Centre

Section 12 indicates that publicly accessible facilities will be available however SA62 and SA56 would require significant travel to reach. Firs Farm has limited opportunity for development if it has the planned and approved Community Hub (or the unplanned crematorium).

Supermarkets:

The following supermarkets appear to be identified as being located on “Place making” areas.

SA6 (p325): Southbury Road Tesco Superstore

SA8 (p327): Sainsburys Crown Road

SA10 (p329): Morrisons, Southbury Road

SA12 (p331): Tesco Store, Ponders End

SA20 (p339): Southgate ASDA

SA22 (p341): Southgate M&S

SA32 (p351): Winchmore Hill Sainsburys (Employment Related uses). Redeveloping this site would appear to go against Strategic Policy SP TC2.

The loss of these supermarkets will force people to drive further (against Council objectives), will greatly impact the elderly and disabled residents and increase car usage on local roads. There will also be an increased burden on local schools. The increase in pollution will also be significant. If the current LTN initiative is maintained or increased then Enfield Borough will become a no go area.

It is difficult to determine whether redevelopment of these sites would include replacement retail outlets, however if there is no car parking availability it is difficult to see how this would work. The report mentions the increase in home delivery, however this is primarily due to the pandemic and we are already seeing an increase in the return of customers to shopping centres and supermarkets.

BG10: Burial Grounds and/or Cremation Uses

SA59 (p380): Firs Farm Recreation Ground (Part): As stated previously the area where the crematorium is proposed already has a planning application for a Community Hub.

SA40 (p359): Brimsdown Sports Ground: This is widely used by both the private football club and local sports teams. What is proposed to accommodate them?

Other:

SA42 (p361) Fords Grove Car Park: There is already a significant issue with car parking in and around Winchmore Hill Broadway. Having made the car park fee paying, most cars now park down Fords Grove and Farm Road. There is limited free parking in the Car Park but they will now also use these roads. There is limited parking on the High Street. Local businesses will suffer even more having already lost significant trade due to the cycle lane implementation.