

We are writing in response to the draft new local plan and wish to voice our objections to a number of the site allocations outside of placemaking areas.

We are deeply concerned about the following:

1. Loss of parking at train and tube stations as proposed in SA24 (Arnos Grove) and SA31 (Cockfosters). We believe that parking at stations is essential to encourage people who do not live near public transport to use trains and the tube. A lack of parking will force people to drive to their destinations.
2. Loss of supermarkets. Plans appear to propose redeveloping many local supermarket sites in the borough, including SA10 (Morrisons Southbury Road), SA6 (Tesco Southbury Road), SA8 (Sainsbury's Crown Road), SA12 (Tesco Ponders End), SA20 (Asda Southgate), SA22 (M&S Food Southgate) and SA32 (Sainsbury, Green Lanes). This last one is our local supermarket and is of particular concern because of the plan to build over existing green space that surrounds it. More generally, removing supermarkets will force people to drive further to find a supermarket, or alternatively increase local traffic as a result of increased home deliveries.
3. Loss of green spaces, particularly Firs Farm (SA55). We don't understand why a new crematorium is needed when there is an existing one in Enfield, quite close by. Building on sports fields deprives local people of amenity and is totally contrary to the need to have people outdoors and exercising to combat obesity.