

Dear Enfield Council,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the draft plan to convert the carpark on Fords Grove in to housing.

When the cycle lanes were introduced it was alongside a charging system and limited free parking to allow people to drive and use the shops and cafes in winchmore hill. With a change in use it is unclear as to where people who drive will park and this could result in residents on local roads having their driveways blocked or unable to park within a short distance from their home.

There are also a number of established trees around the car park and these add to the aesthetics of the area as well as having a role in processing carbon dioxide. The building of the new river flats resulted in the removal of two established trees with only one replaced.

The car park is located near Highfield primary school, winchmore school and Tree House nursery. Parents of children attending these use the car park to then walk there with their children. This displaces traffic congestion at the schools and also enables young children to safely get to nursery.

A solution could be to retain a limited amount of parking alongside the building of a smaller number of homes.

I would be very grateful if the views of my family and I are taken into consideration.