
Objections to the following items on the DRAFT LOCAL PLAN:

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Possible plan to build 299 homes on the Sainsbury's site on Green Lanes (SA62) and 24 homes on the Fords Grove car park (SA42)

As older residents in our 70s, who regularly shop at the Green Lanes Sainsburys, we would certainly object to its closure for the site to be redeveloped.

It would make longer journeys for shopping necessary, involving more stress, more petrol, more pollution.

This Sainsburys serves a large surrounding area and its loss would impact on many people living in the vicinity, particularly the elderly and disabled. Not everyone has a car and this site is convenient and served by a good public transport system.

Fords Grove car park serves an area of Winchmore Hill where shops have already lost car parking due to the cycle lanes, and this car park also serves patients for the Winchmore Hill Practice, which has limited parking facilities.

Another large development is unlikely to provide much affordable housing and puts more pressure on water and sewage facilities and bin collections (already under pressure from the shortage of HGV drivers).

It also means more pressure on surgeries, nurseries and schools.

There is already more congestion and pollution on our roads due to the introduction of the LTNs and another development with additional resident cars would increase this still further.

POLICY DE6: Tall Buildings (pages 156-159)

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A 17 Storey development in Enfield Town Station, and 13 storey buildings in Palace Gardens and Southgate Circus would be totally out of sympathy with the surrounding architecture. Enfield Town and Southgate still retain a village feel and a buildings of this height would tower over the surrounding area, adversely affecting local housing and businesses, impacting on residents' quality of life and putting an increased strain on local infrastructure. Presumably residents would require parking for cars – Genotin Road car park has been lost, and Enfield and Southgate are already very congested, with parking restrictions applying in many roads. Although Asda offers car parking for 3 hours this doesn't help commuters and Southgate has only one public car park, which when people return to normal work routines after the pandemic, will once again not be adequate to cope with local demand.

Loss of local parking at Cockfosters Station, Arnos Grove, Enfield Town Station, Enfield

Chase Station, Palmers Green and Oakwood Stations would have a severe impact on commuters needing to park in order to use underground and over-ground services into London. These commuters don't necessarily live near these stations, they often need to travel considerable distances to access public transport into work, and alternative parking is often non-existent. People need to work, and their access to transport is vital and must be taken into account.

Policy SP PL 10, pages 80-87, and Figure 3.11 and Policy SP PL9, pages 77-80 and Concept Plan Figure 3.10

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Both targets for development which would impact adversely on the surrounding areas.

Loss of farming land, loss of green belt, environmental impact of the loss of wildlife habitat,

completely altering the character of their historic surrounds, while again putting increased demands and strains on infrastructure – water, sewage and waste disposal. Need for more car parking space, schools, and surgeries. Our green spaces are a much valued local asset and need to be safeguarded for future generations.