
To whom it may concern,

The proposal to knock down the Wichmore Hill Sainsbury's to replace it with hundreds of new-build flats is a disgrace.

To name a few of my objections:

Local Facilities

- Where exactly will I do my shopping? Do you expect me to drive to the Tesco on the North Circular? Or maybe the Asda in Southgate - but of course you're also planning to knock that one down aren't you?
- 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

My council tax has been increasing year on year, and yet the services you provide are getting worse and worse. Bins are now fortnightly, I have to pay for my garden bin, there are potholes everywhere, there is continuous petty crime in the area and zero police presence, Enfield town centre is on its knees, your support of local businesses through the pandemic has been atrocious, it's virtually impossible to speak to anyone in the council, your website is terrible, and the low traffic zones you've recently installed has funnelled all traffic into a handful of main roads and increased virtually all road journeys. I'm boring myself writing this but you get the gist. And now you're intending to knock down the only large supermarket in the area, even though the shop is busy at all times every day.

You are a disgrace