



Dear Ms. Phillips,

My husband and I live three doors down from the junction with Haverstock Hill directly opposite the proposed redevelopment site adjacent to the tube station . We also live directly opposite the delivery bay area for the Budgens supermarket. We have young children.

We personally have no objection to the residential provision within the scheme on the condition that it will not place any additional pressure on existing residents parking in the surrounding area which are currently over 'subscribed' and that the units are exempted from a right to resident's parking.

We do however object to the proposed new Sainsbury's on the following grounds:

Traffic Congestion

I have personally have been legally called to witness four minor traffic accidents in the last three years involving delivery lorries and vans scraping/ reversing into parked stationary cars along Glenloch Road. I have on occasion had to confront the drivers who would otherwise have tried to avoid notifying/ leaving a note for the driver. The road is too narrow for the amount of traffic currently permitted and the type of traffic (i.e. deliveries) currently using it.

- Additional vehicles using Glenloch Road and the surrounding small roads to access and supply Sainsburys would greatly worsen the existing situation. Given the size of the site and anticipated lack of on site storage it has to be assumed that deliveries will be made very frequently to maintain stocks.

Noise Pollution During antisocial hours

Delivery vehicles for Budgens operate constantly, and often outside of normal working hours. This causes a problem because many are large 30+ tonne vehicles with automatic reverse warning beeper systems. Their exhausts, brakes and reversing beepers all cause a lot of noise pollution at very unsocial hours, causing children to wake etc. As it is a conservation area, options for reglazing are costly and limited.

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Air Pollution

There are also non-delivery standing vehicles and taxis also waiting in the loading bay for passengers to use shops/ cash points etc. They frequently leave their exhausts running while waiting causing unwanted dangerous fumes as well as noise pollution.

The links between car fumes in built up areas and incidences of asthma have been much publicised at late e.g. Channel 4 Dispatches Feb 2016. I personally suffer from Asthma and so am particularly sensitive to the excessive amount of traffic directly in front of our house.

- Additional traffic associated with a minimarket like Sainsbury's/ and quick stop facilities such as cash machine would also worsen the existing situation. This issue is likely to extend beyond the 6.30 residents parking cut off as a Sainsbury's would undoubtedly be open much later.

Pedestrian Safety

There are double yellow lines directly on the junction with Haverstock Hill and Glenloch Road. These are intended to protect pedestrians walking along the busy high street. These are neither obeyed nor enforced by Camden traffic wardens at present- they are nearly always in use for loading and unloading of delivery vehicles/ people stopping to use the Natwest Cashpoint etc causing a dangerous blind spot to both pedestrians and drivers. This is particularly concerning given the amount of young families using the high street on account of the high number of café's and restaurants.

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Antisocial Behaviour

We currently have to contend with a group of beggars playing harpsichord all day long (the same song on loop), which can easily be heard from inside the house with the doors and windows closed as well as an increasing number of beggars sitting separately in front of Budgens/ Natwest/ Boots and Giraffe. While I have every sympathy for their predicament- the increased number of beggars on the high street is beginning to threaten much of its charm. Yet another chain store supermarket with the inevitable cashpoint outside and associated begging 'station' will undoubtedly make the situation worse. A Sainsbury's will also encourage even more late night revelers to loiter (often hollering drunkenly and very loudly) in the street on their way to and from the Station. I am also concerned about increase litter associated with late night use.

Loss of charm and Character to the High Street

The high street is currently well provided for by means of grocery and food supply. Any additional supermarket will undoubtedly undermine the success of the existing independent retailers and as, in the case of many other high streets, lead to their demise. This would be an absolute shame. If people want to use a Sainsbury's let them shop on line. The high street should be kept unique to the makeup to the area with a diverse offering of different types of retail outlets.

Josephine Glyn & Saul Zagnoev
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