

Dear sir or madam

I wish to object to the disposal of the land attached to this reference.

The proposals include tarmac to green space, loss of public access and most importantly the loss of mature trees.

Contrary to WBC stated aims of improving tree cover, numerous trees close to and away from roads have been 'disposed' for alleged health and safety reasons . There is no comparison between mature trees and saplings in terms of carbon capture or other benefits, even if there are sites for saplings to go (which is far from clear currently).

The loss of the trees on the specified site would be too great a cost in my view, as would the loss of the provision of public green space, which currently counterbalances the Sainsbury development. The car parking there is actually huge and sometimes empty, making the disposal to car parking of the said land even more futile, in view of any green objectives WBC may have.

I would suggest that any further development of retail space should be consigned to the current 'Sainsbury' development, as this space is already put to tarmac. The space is considerable. The local roundabout at weekends is already a hot-spot for traffic and these proposals would make matters worse.

So in summary, the community would LOSE green space, fresh air and positive amenities were a development to take place in this space. I object to it.