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**Don't let Sainsbury's rip the heart out of it.**

**WHITE LANE**

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## Welcome to the WHAG weekly update –your free guide to the campaign to stop Sainsbury's

- Help WHAG!
- Whether you've got 5 days, 5 hours or 5 minutes there's something you can do-see the website or contact us via this lovely shop
- No time at all? You can still contribute to the Fighting Fund-details coming soon

Just in case you missed the story so far here's some background for newcomers -

Sainsbury's is planning to open a new supermarket at the top of White Hart Lane on the site of the old garage showroom. This is part of a major development that will

include 9 new flats, as well as the supermarket. Planning permission was refused by Richmond Council but the developers, Oakmill Properties, won an appeal against the Council's decision. So, the supermarket will come unless public pressure persuades

Sainsbury's to change its mind. And that is precisely what the White Hart Action Group (WHAG) is campaigning for. WHAG was set up and is run by local residents to make our voices heard.



## Referendum

The big news this week is that Richmond Council has refused to conduct the referendum, proposed by Zac Goldsmith at last month's packed public meeting. Of course, a referendum would send a very strong message to Sainsbury's and so it WILL go ahead, but will be organised by the Electoral Reform Society, a long-established and totally impartial body. Look out for more news on this key development next week.

# About WHAG—The White Hart Action Group



WHAG is the name of the large and ever increasing group of local residents who are simply not prepared to see our cherished neighbourhood ruined for ever by corporate greed.

We're very sorry that so many people had to be turned away from the meeting at the White Hart last month—the room was full to capacity. A much larger venue will be booked for future meetings

## COMING SOON!

**WHAG BAGS FOR LIFE—with our logo splashed all over it, made in the UK and available from local traders**

**WHAG FLAGS—fly the flag for WHAG**

**NEW POSTERS AND CAR STICKERS**

## Why is White Hart Lane so special?

Comments from the online petition-

*'It would simply be the saddest day to see this happen'*

*'Its an absolute disgrace to go ahead with this plan for White Hart Lane. I don't know a single local person who wants to see this scheme. Not ONE'*

*'It seems absurd that one needs permission to pollard a tree in order to ensure the character of this conservation area is not damaged—and yet a crass supermarket frontage in an area of small individual shops is not considered damaging'*

*'I'm frankly appalled that the opinions of local people are being so willfully ignored'*



## Sir Tim Rice backs campaign

'I would like to make it clear to all local residents that I in no way support the proposed development adjoining my property. There is no need whatsoever for any kind of supermarket in the area, and I am amazed that no local authorities wish to acknowledge the serious social and practical problems it would cause'

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