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THERE'S a shoppers' paradise to rival any of north London's major shopping precincts and retail complexes.

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And during your shopping trip, why not avail yourself of its variety of restaurants, takeaways, coffee shops, cafés, bars and pubs?

"There are a range of cuisines to reflect the cultures of the communities that have settled here," says Costas Georgiou, chair-

man of the Green Lanes Business Association. "The Greek Cypriots were the first newcomers, but there are now Turkish restaurants and several Chinese."

It's the ideal destination for a spot of retail therapy and, according to Mr Georgiou, has a distinctive charm all of its own.

But he claims that plans for cycle lanes along both sides of Green Lanes risk jeopardising its fragile economy with shopkeepers already complaining that they have seen a drop in trade due to fewer on-street parking spaces.

"We have worked hard to ensure Palmers Green has full occupancy of retail premises and wouldn't want rows of empty, shuttered shops familiar to some high streets," added Mr Georgiou.

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