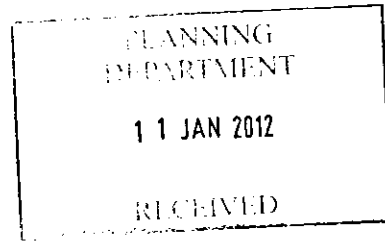


From: Helen Bromley
Sent: 11 January 2012 10:19
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Tesco Proposal

Regards,
Helen.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2012 18:37
To: Helen Bromley
Cc: Pam Dobson
Subject: Tesco Proposal

Dear Mrs Bromley

I write to you as a fairly new resident of WGC (3 years) but with personal experience of the affect of a new Tesco on the town and community of Potters Bar having lived there for over 20 years.

Potters Bar has never enjoyed the town centre community atmosphere and thriving energy that Welwyn Garden City presently has but any semblance of that was lost when Tesco built a new supermarket in Mutton Lane (between the High St and Darkes Lane). Shoppers were drawn away from the town's high street to the new store simply because parking was more convenient. Local shops and the local community suffered enormously as a consequence and what exists there now is little more than a collection of charity shops, estate agents and building societies.

Potters Bar now has no town centre, no community spirit and if it were not for the station it would be not much more than a ghost town.

One of the main reasons that we moved to Welwyn was the pleasant and lively town centre with a good variety of shopping and local facilities. Please don't let the same thing happen to Welwyn as it did to Potters Bar. Please don't subject the local shops to the distraction of another Tesco store (for which there is no need at all) particularly at this hugely difficult time for shops and businesses. People will be inevitably drawn away from the existing town centre and shops will close thus generating a vicious and downwards cycle of decline.

If you are not aware of the situation in Potters Bar, then please visit it and see for yourself how it compares with Welwyn Garden City.

Please do not risk spoiling the finely balanced and precious community spirit of Welwyn Garden City by allowing this completely unnecessary superstore.

Yours sincerely

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