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Comment: I wish to object to the Tesco planning application as follows:

- (1) There is no certainty that all the plan will be completed after Tesco have built their store.
- (2) This is not an area that Tesco is not represented. There is already a very large Tesco nearby (Oldings Corner) so there seems to be no need for one in WGC.
- (3) The other items on offer, swimming pool etc. As these are not firm proposals with a proven business case with someone signed up to run them, they could very well NEVER happen.
- (4) Last October Tesco Bank Chairman, Andy Higginson, was quoted when asked about a branch network stated "Why would we be interested in a branch network on the high street were no one goes when we have stores where there are lots of people? There is no obvious attraction to the high street. It is not where the future is....." This shows what Tesco really think. As long as there stores are full, they don't care what happens to the high street/Town Centre.
- (5) At the Tesco road show some time ago a Tesco rep told me that it was not in their interest for the Town Centre to stagnate, as it would reflect on their store. People would not want to pass boarded up shops etc. (probably a true statement) BUT in this case the Tesco would be near enough to have this effect but its position would be as such not to be effected by it. (other side of the railway and approached by car.
So NO to Tesco