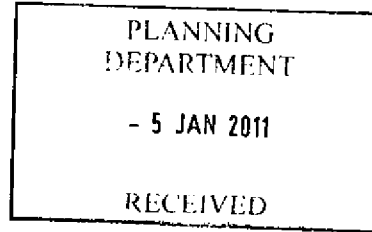


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For the attention of Mr. R. Aston

Dear Sir,

Tesco Twist

I was interested to read in the recent edition of the Welwyn Hatfield Times that the Tesco application for the redevelopment of the Broadwater road site has now been put on hold pending further information on the "effects on the surrounding environment." This is truly wonderful news, but I would like to raise a couple of points which I feel are important:

- ❖ Why was this information not requested months ago by the Council? Clearly the enormous redevelopment of the site would have tremendous 'effects' on the whole of Welwyn Garden City and a detailed analysis of these 'effects' should have been requested from the beginning.
- ❖ The Times reports that Tesco have been requested to provide this information! Really! Surely it would be more democratic and transparently impartial if the Council were to appoint a separate company or organisation to fulfil the work and pay for it themselves? A truly independent report like this would have genuine acceptance throughout the community.
- ❖ In a previous letter to the Council I did mention that it would be prudent for any decision, with regard to the redevelopment of the site, to be delayed for a **minimum** of one year after the new Sainsbury's store has been opened. Sainsbury's new store is going to be four times the size of the old store and clearly the company will increase its range of products and this alone is likely to have an effect on the other stores in the centre of town. For the Council to allow another store (Tesco) to be built is clear madness without a full and detailed analysis of the overall effects such a development would have on a town of our size.
- ❖ Tesco's, Sainsbury's or any other store have one, and only one focus, profit! Yes, we do need supermarkets and they are now an essential part of all our lives, but some degree of common

sense must prevail to ensure that the wonderful town of Ebenezer Howard is not destroyed just to fulfil a space on a balance sheet!

I can only hope and pray that the Councillors making their planning decision will do so with the well-being of Welwyn Garden City as their prime concern.

Yours faithfully.

