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Richard

A view from one of our residents for your information.

Tony

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05 January 2011 11:20
To: Fiona Thomson; Helen Bromley; Tony Skottowe
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I attach a letter concerning my views.

Best wishes for 2011

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Councillors Helen Bromley, Tony Skottowe, Fiona Thomson.

Dear Councillor, Re Proposed Broadwater Road development.

Having driven across the Broadwater/Bridge Road crossing today and noting that there are now To Let signs on three of the four corners I felt I must write to tell you my views on the proposed Tesco development in that area.

I feel strongly that the people of this area deserve better than they are getting at the moment. Many are not within easy reach of either Morrisons, Woodhall shops or the town centre and Peartree offers little choice. Without knowing any exact figures I am guessing that more households in that area are without their own transport than on the West side of the town and many of those without cars will be elderly people, those with mobility difficulties or parents of young families, most of whom would be delighted to have a large supermarket, offering lower priced goods, within walking distance. I suspect there would also be many who would appreciate the increased employment opportunities that would be on offer if Tesco were to open in the area.

The men of the Welwyn Garden City Society implied in their presentation to the meeting at Woodhall Community Centre at the beginning of last month that because other smaller shops would be likely to close jobs would be lost and that in any case the employment offered by Tesco would be 'mostly part time'. This is no different to most retail employment and 'unsocial hours', if inconvenient, are becoming more and more the norm and can, in fact, be helpful to parents of young families.

As we start a potentially long period of financial restraint it seems to me very unlikely that new industries will be coming forward to fill the spaces left by the closure or moving of the old. The area diagonally opposite the Cereal Partners site has had an increasingly despairing sign offering units to let for at least a year now and in this post-industrial society we need to be looking to see where the money is - unpalatable as this seems - and work with companies like Tesco to get other benefits for our community that our council is certainly not going to be in a position to offer.

I have been told that 'Tesco are impossible to work with', which appears to be a defeatist attitude, but, even if we assume that they will not deliver all they have promised, they are bound to deliver some of it and, which gives us an opportunity to regenerate a blighted area of our town which badly needs it.

I hope you will consider my views when helping to come to a decision regarding this site.

Yours sincerely

