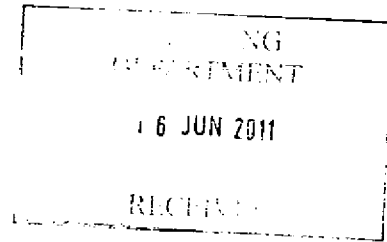


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15 June 2011

Chief Planning Officer,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council



Dear Chief Planning Officer

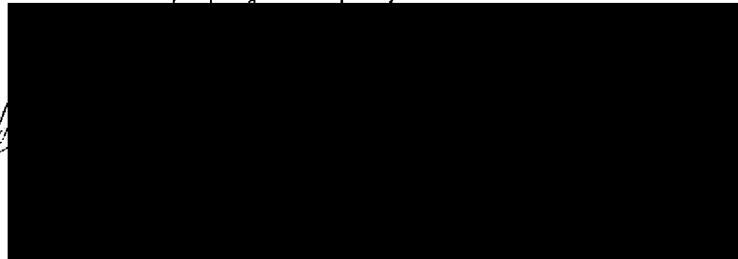
I wish to inform you that my wife and myself, residents of Welwyn Garden City since 1962, are opposed to the plans submitted by Tesco and its agents for the Broadwater Road, Welwyn Garden City site.

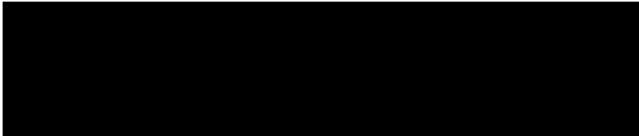
I enclose a copy of the e-mail message sent to our ward councillors on this matter for your information.

We like our town very much. We have seen many changes since we arrived and have recognised their merit. But to this proposed development we say an emphatic NO.

Yours sincerely

Reg Pyne OBE





Date: 15 June 2011 9:42 AM
To: <lauren.brown@welhat.gov.uk>; <mike.larkins@welhat.gov.uk>; <martyn.levitt@welhat.gov.uk>
Subject: Broadwater Road planning application
Councillors

We write to you as residents and 'citizens' of Welwyn Garden City for 49 years who have a great regard for the town to which we moved from Portsmouth. There, in the post-war years, we observed a great deal of random and, we suspect, commercially driven development which disfigured and harmed that city for many following years. We don't wish to see such things happen here.

For that basic reason we are strongly opposed to Tesco's plans and proposals for the Broadwater site and we endorse the views set out by the Welwyn Garden City Society.

There is, of course, a need for tasteful development of that site, but development centred around a massive supermarket development is certainly not appropriate.

The juxtaposition of housing [needed, we agree] to large retail activity is not right and indeed retail on the site is contradictory to its planning status.

We have no doubt that to allow this application and the development that would follow would be harmful to Welwyn Garden City town centre and to other local shops and shopping parades. It would also introduce major problems of traffic and traffic flows. All in all, a very negative impact.

We suspect that the ever avaricious Tesco does not intend to be satisfied until it has carpeted half of the UK with its stores. With the large store at Oldings Corner there is no case for this proposed very large store in Welwyn Garden City.

The sweeteners offered such as the swimming pool should not lure you to support this application. Tesco will not wish to fund its future operation, of that we are sure. With its offered inclusive gym facilities it could only damage the Gosling and Hatfield Swimming Pool's future finances and prospects.

We could go on, but conclude as follows.

Please don't be seduced by the current or any future 'goodies' Tesco and their agents put on off. Just say 'NO'.

Maureen Pyne
Reg Pyne OBE



15/06/2011