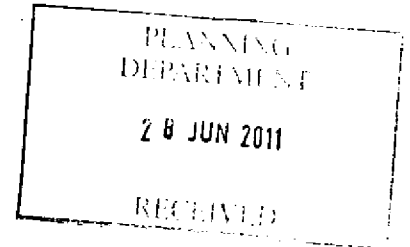


**From:** Tracy Harvey  
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**From:** Clare Berry  
**Sent:** 20 June 2011 09:18  
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Please find objection to Tesco below.

Clare

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 June 2011 15:48  
**To:** Clare Berry  
**Subject:** Tesco Application for the Nabisco Site

**From:** [REDACTED] **14, Guessens Road, WGC**

Dear Ms. Berry,

**Proposed Tesco Development. Planning Application**

**No:** N6/2010/2055/MA

I first wrote to the Council last Autumn to register my objections to the plan submitted by Tesco's to build a supermarket on the East side of the railway on the old Nabisco site. What I have learned since then about the proposal does nothing to reassure me, rather the reverse, so I am now writing again with additional comments.

I object strongly to the proposal for the following reasons:

1. **Heritage.** Welwyn Garden City was the second to be built and for the last 90 years has been a magnet for town planners from all round the world. Living as I do on the West side of the town I often see groups of foreign visitors who have come to visit our Garden City. I believe that we have a duty to protect the original concept of a compact town centre on one side of the railway and industry on the other, with housing on both sides and a ring of neighbourhood shopping centres.

**What is now proposed is detrimental to the whole Garden City.** The Tesco plan is to establish a large "out-of-town style 24/7 store" near the middle of the town. If approved it would do irreparable harm, not only to the centre, but also to the local shops, particularly on Peartree Lane, at Woodhall and on Bridge Road East. There also is a danger that it would damage the viability of Morrison's supermarket in Panshanger to the detriment of the residents of that area of the town.

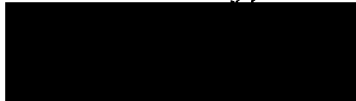
2. **Jobs.** I understand Tesco claim that jobs would be created but there is a real risk that as many would be destroyed as other shops close and the gain would be minimal.

3. **Green issues.** By establishing such a large store on the Nabisco site Tesco would greatly add to traffic congestion and pollution. The associated commercial traffic would be likely to continue well outside "normal shopping hours."

4. **Existing Plans.** The Council's long-term plan for the area was to develop it for light industry and for housing, which is desperately needed. The stock of housing in the Garden City, particularly for rent, is totally inadequate. The area identified by Tesco for houses on the site is minimal and having a 24/7 store next-door renders it unsuitable in any case for residential purposes. The housing proposed does not meet the high standards of the Garden City.

5. **Tesco's commitment to building anything but the superstore remains questionable.** There still seems to be no evidence that the firm's plans for the whole site, which include amenities such as a swimming pool, would ever come to fruition. Even if built, there is no indication who would run a swimming pool and the risk is that it would only lead to the early demise of the existing one in Hatfield, which does not pay its way even now.

Yours sincerely,

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