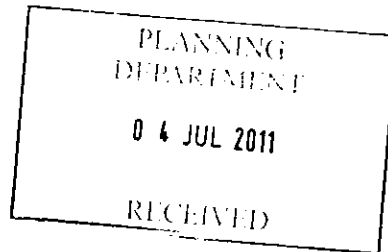


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Dear Mr Skottowe

RE: - TESCO PROPOSALS FOR BROADWATER ROAD

I am writing this letter to make you aware of my feelings about the proposal before the planning committee of the new Tesco Store on Broadwater Road.

I have only lived in Welwyn Garden City for 5 years, but would like to inform you of the reasons why we moved from London to a Garden City and why I feel that the Tesco proposal will damage the town irrevocably.

Welwyn town centre is a delight to shop in. A wide selection of shops and of course John Lewis, Debenhams and the new Sainsbury with an overall vista of openness, green spaces and an ambiance which makes you want to linger, have a coffee, lunch and enjoy your shopping and without undue traffic congestion. I fear that if Tesco opens a new store the town centre would become a ghost town (like Hatfield).

I often read in the paper about the traffic and parking problems in Welwyn Garden City but I have to say they are nothing compared to where I lived before (I had all the major supermarkets nearby and driving and parking was a nightmare). Since moving driving has once more become a pleasure, but I fear that traffic congestion and parking will become a major problem here if the Tesco proposal goes ahead.

The claims that new jobs will be created by the development I do not believe. Closures of existing shops will be a transfer of workforce not a new workforce.

The proposal for a new gym and swimming pool. I believe that these facilities will never be built and if they are will be given over to the council to take over the running costs – which due to this financial crisis cannot afford – and therefore will be left to decay and be an eye sore. As I heard someone say TESCO DO NOT DO SWIMMING POOLS.

Welwyn is a Garden City please respect the original wishes of the planners and do not make a mistake that once taken can never be reversed.

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