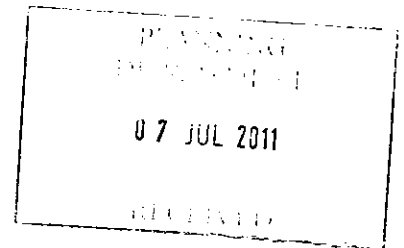


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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: - TESCO PROPOSALS FOR BROADWATER ROAD

I am writing this letter to bring my feelings to your attention about the proposal before the planning committee of the new Tesco Store on Broadwater Road.

I 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.

Welwyn Garden town centre is a delight to shop in. A wide selection of shops and of course John Lewis, Debenhams and the new Sainsbury's, keeping the green spaces which makes you want to linger, have a coffee, lunch and enjoy your shopping and without undue traffic congestion. My fear is that if Tesco opens a new store the town centre would become a ghost town like Hatfield and ASDA are nearer to the centre than the new Tesco's.

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 but outside of the town centre making driving and parking 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.

I was told that the land is not designated for retail, only for housing and industrial. So how can Tesco's build a retail unit on this land?

I do not believe that many new jobs will be created as closures of existing shops will mean there would be a transfer of workforce not a new workforce.

The proposal for a new gym and swimming pool. I believe that these facilities if built will have to be given over to the council to take over the running costs – which due to our existing financial crisis cannot be afforded and therefore will be left to decay. 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.