

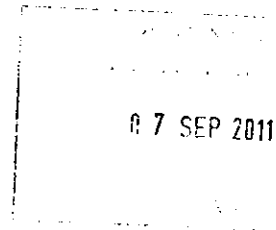
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Dear Planning Committee,

TESCO – PROPOSED NEW CONSTRUCTION AT BROADWATER

I moved to Welwyn Garden City in February 2010 and have found it to be a most attractive town and well looked after.

I was very sad to learn where it was that Tesco was applying to build.

I hope common sense will prevail and their application will be rejected because the town does not need another large supermarket when we have a very large Sainsbury nearing completion and a Waitrose nearby. Should Tesco also build, the town centre will suffer and shops will close. I have seen what happens when too many supermarkets are allowed to be built – the town centres always suffer.

Tesco have said in the past that they look at what Carrefour has achieved and aim to do likewise. I lived in France for 6 years and have visited many towns with a Carrefour – they are usually built as a mall with other shopping outlets thus becoming a centre for all types of shopping. This appears to be their aim at Broadwater, therefore those driving in to Tesco would shop in that area and not bother visiting the town centre. When I visit the Galleria I do not visit Hatfield town centre.

I am sure you also realise that Hatfield Swimming Pool, Gosling Sport Park, amongst others will suffer. Tesco is all consuming. Why are they not content with the one at Hatfield, it is only 8 minutes by car from WGC town centre and buses stop there?

My husband's home town of Dumfries has 3 Tesco supermarkets plus some others, all to the detriment of the town centre.

Yours sincerely

