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**Sent:** 27 October 2010 08:24  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** FW: Tesco Broadwater Development - *NG/2010/2055/MA*

Please can you book in and ack these comments against the pl app Thank you

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**From:** Alison Cumpsty [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2010 1:05 PM  
**To:** Alan Franey  
**Subject:** Tesco Broadwater Development

Dear Councillor Franey

I am writing to you with very serious concerns about this planning application. I am also writing to my councillors and submitted my concerns through the formal processes.

First we have been given very little notice - comments need to be submitted by 3rd November. I only heard about the current proposal on Sunday. Given the seriousness of the proposal surely we the residents need time to reflect and discuss this?

Despite this, my concerns about this major project are: the economic impact on other retailers and the centre of town. Do we need another supermarket? In whose interest is the proposal? What about other retailers? We already have a large Waitrose, a bigger Sainsbury's, M & S and Morrisons and a very big Tesco at Hatfield. What about the small retailer and the little shops at Hallgrove and Woodhall? We certainly don't want a town centre filled with charity shops and fast food outlets.

What about the traffic implications? I came to WGC ten years ago from London and what I loved about the town was its quiet, small town atmosphere. This proposed development will cause noise and congestion and make the centre of town very unpleasant especially if it is open 24 hours.

The style of the architecture is not in the style of WGC and with its lighting will be very unpleasant. The housing is very dense and in no time will be run down and squalid. We do not need a doctor's surgery as there is at least one at Peartree and Parkway. In terms of the swimming pool, who will manage it? There is little money in swimming pools so it would not be an incentive for a private company to take it on and I am sure the council will have no money for it.... Will it compete with Goslings who I think may be probably struggling themselves...

Obviously, something needs to be done with this site but it will not lose its value and it is important that it is the right thing. It is highly likely that it will be housing and that is fine but it needs to add to the town not detract.

Many lovely small towns in England and Wales have been ruined by the advent of large supermarkets and unfortunately, Tesco, has a particularly ugly reputation on this front.

This proposal could affect the town for several generations to come.

Yours sincerely

Alison Cumpsty