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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to voice my concern and objection to the proposed development by Tesco of the Broadwater site.

My concerns are as follows :

1) The size of the Supermarket that is planned when we already have an expanding Sainsburys, an enlarged Waitrose, a very large Tesco at Oldings Rdbt, M & S, Iceland, a new Costcutter in the Post Office, Morrisons, Lidl all in the town or close to.

This would greatly increase traffic to the area, add to pollution, noise and congestion.

2) The links over the railway need far greater thought in order to make access to and from the West to the East. The proposed work on the foot bridge seem far too small to support the flow of footfall the new development would need. The road bridge over the railway will have increased traffic and I am concerned that it wasn't designed for such weight of traffic.

3) I am concerned that the smaller shops in the centre of town are going to suffer, especially as Tesco are proposing to have 40% of the store dedicated to non food products. The centre of town is already suffering with the recession and we do not know the impact that the large Sainsburys will have on the already struggling local shops (& I include the Howard Centre).

4) I am fully in favour of more housing but the proposal looks very intensive, and I'm not sure if much more office space is needed. I wonder what impact a new wet leisure area would have on the Gosling Centre which has a new spa?

5) In the council's mission statement the council's vision was for 'an energetic and pioneering scheme in the spirit of the garden city ... of appropriate scale". I am sure that you are not achieving that with this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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