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Dear Officials of the Planning Department

Spenhill Planning Application

I wish to object to the Planning Application lodged recently by Spenhill, the regeneration arm of Tesco, to develop the extensive piece of land formerly occupied by Shredded Wheat into a Tesco Supermarket. Adjacent wasteland would also be developed putting a leisure centre, shops and offices and housing plus a huge car park underground.

My objection focuses principally on the area designated for residential development. The "architectural style" as on the plans shown is completely out of character with houses in the Garden City and likewise the housing density. The landscaping is abysmal, entirely lacking in green spaces or trees and this is true of the entire "developed" site.

A second objection is the fact that there is already a large Tesco Supermarket only a few minutes drive away on the old Jack Oldings Corner. Welwyn Hatfield does not need another one, particularly in view of the other supermarkets in the vicinity.

I am also concerned about the certain increase in traffic were the development to be allowed. The roads, Bridge Road East, Broadwater and Bessemer, already carry a high volume of traffic. More would lead to an increase in pollution, noise and danger to cyclists and pedestrians.

I hope that this application will be refused and in the event that it will be submitted in another form that it will be turned down again, whatever the arguments made in its favour and possible financial inducements offered.

Yours sincerely
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cc. Grant Shapps, MP
Tony Skottowe Councillor, Handside Ward