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Dear Sirs,

Re: Tesco (Spenhill) proposed Development of the 'Shredded Wheat' site

I must object to the current proposal for the use of the Broadwater site on the following grounds:

- (i) The siting of the retail unit would be contrary to the 'Ebenezer Howard' ideal.
- (ii) It will seriously drive business from the existing town centre involving all the small shops, as well as Marks & Spencer, John Lewis (including Waitrose), and Sainsburys, which is currently being expanded.
- (iii) It will also act as a drain on the smaller local shopping sites, i.e. Woodhall, Hall Grove, Peartree, Haldens, and Moors Walk; and the supermarkets Morrisons and Lidl's, which all usefully serve their respective areas.
- (iv) There is already a Tesco supermarket nearby, between Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield.
- (v) The proposed development could in part be used to contribute to the current housing shortage - some should be affordable! Such housing could in itself be a considerable boost for the town. The whole site cries out for a development of housing consistent with the best in Welwyn Garden City, a town of international repute.
- (vi) A swimming pool in Welwyn Garden City is much needed for the health of people in general, but in the current plan has now become inadequate.
- (vii) The 'footbridge' which could have been an excellent feature is now quite unsuitable as it is neither wide, nor long enough. The lift would be a liability.
- (viii) Traffic density will be considerable, probably more so with the retail outlet as well as the housing.

I have been a resident of this town since 1929 and have grown to value and appreciate its unique character. Please Welwyn/Hatfield Council reject this proposed application and ensure that this most important matter ultimately results in something of which we could all be proud.

Yours faithfully,

