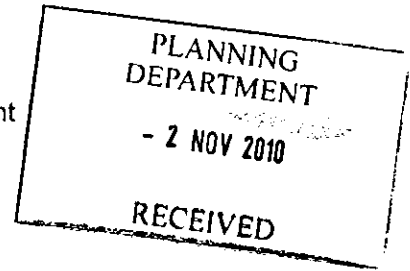


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Comment: I am writing to object to the proposal because of the way in which a Tesco superstore creates a desert in the rest of the town in which it is placed. The way the town centre in Hatfield has suffered since the large Tesco superstore was built at Oldings is one example. I understand that only 40 percent of the proposed superstore will be devoted to groceries and the rest will be goods like televisions and clothes.

John Lewis is currently a great magnet for shoppers to come to Welwyn Garden. We know of people who come from as far away as Bishop's Stortford to shop there. But they are already complaining that their store barely makes a profit. If the superstore is built they will certainly pull out of the town with disastrous consequences for other businesses.

The Tesco superstore will also see the end of little local supermarkets (the Co-op at Hallgrove and Somerfield's at Woodhall) which are so important to elderly people who find it difficult to get far from home.

The Council are doing their best to keep a vibrant town centre (the current building at Sainsbury's is one example). The Tesco superstore will destroy what they are achieving.