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Address: 2 Barleycroft Green

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Comment Type: Object

Comment: The present Tesco plan is contrary to the Council's adopted SPD on Broadwater Road and would undermine the town's current and historical master plan if allowed to proceed.

A huge supermarket of the size proposed would result in an unacceptable increase in traffic volume in an already congested area, especially at rush hours.

The town will already have enough supermarkets for its size and the development will significantly harm the viability of the town centre, which must be protected. Howardsgate with lots of empty shops and a half empty Howard Centre after all the struggles to build it are not worth risking for an unnecessary new supermarket.

There is not enough green space in the proposals and the houses are of too high a density. The plans are not in keeping with the style or ethos of WGC and De Soissons.

Who will run the proposed sports hall/swimming pool? Local government finances are under siege at present and it is possible that the building would become a "white elephant" in a key town centre site without a firm commitment from Tesco to run it for at least 10 years.

This is an unnecessary development based on one company's wish to have a large supermarket in the town. It will detract from the town and mar one of the key approaches to a widely acclaimed Garden City.