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Comment: My wife and I object very strongly to the 'Tesco' plan and development on the Broadwater site. While the site needs developing, the town centre does not need another huge supermarket that will probably undercut and possibly destroy the existing large and small businesses in the town, particularly as Sainsbury's is developing a new superstore.

Our town centre, and much of the town, is unique and homogenous in its design and neo-Georgian style architecture (renowned world-wide); the designs for the Broadwater site show no kinship whatsoever to this ideal. In fact companies such as Tesco have shown little regard to local styles wherever they build.

What, in our opinion, is needed (apart from some flats or houses in our local style) is some further variety of shops - e.g. BHS, Wilkinsons and smaller individual businesses - and pleasant restaurants. Car parking is needed, of course. The existing railway bridge is a totally inadequate link for any shopping and residential development on this site.

Finally, our strong concern is that most councillors and the senior councillors in the current administration do not reside in WGC itself and will not have the 'feel' for the ethos of the town centre. The council may then accept some beneficial offerings to the town in return for agreeing to an unwanted development by Tesco.