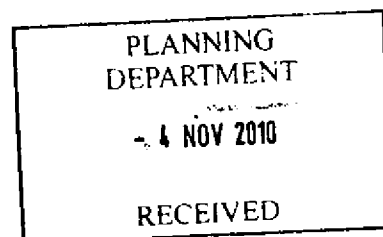


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Re: Tesco's- Broadwater Rd Proposal

I strongly object to the proposed Tesco's. The ethos Of WGC was to provide a city where people can work locally, in jobs with a proper career structure. The land should not be used for retail purposes.

The experience of Hertford has shown the traffic chaos caused by such large retail stores. It is now difficult to drive between Hertford and Ware at anything other than the very quietest times of day. I can only imagine the pressure that this will put on roads, especially the crossroads by the Shredded Wheat factory.

The plans are also entirely outside the WGC ethos by being largely devoid of green space and by proposing high density housing. Where will the occupants of these homes go to school? Are there enough school places locally? I understand that the small amount of green 'park' proposed will have lorries running through it at all times of night and day!

I already often have problems walking from the Howard Centre to platform 2 when passengers are coming off platform 4. I can only imagine the chaos there will be at busy times when commuter trains empty out at WGC and people with shopping trolleys and shopping bags are trying to come the other way. The bridge is simply too narrow.

The existing town centre already has a number of charity shops. If Tesco's opens and has 40% non food section many more shops will close and the council will suffer more vandalism in the town centre as well as losing rates from those premises.

There is already a Waitrose, Sainsburies, Morrisons and indeed a giant Tesco's within a 2 mile radius. What possible justification can there be for another one?

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