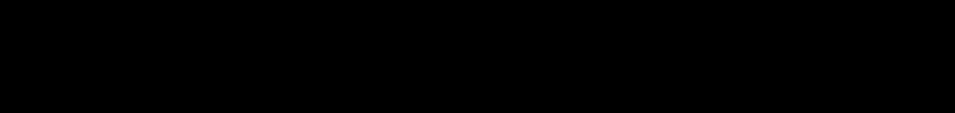


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**Sent:** 03 November 2010 16:05  
**To:** Planning  
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I am writing to you as I am very concerned about the proposed Tesco development in Welwyn Garden City. I feel this development is totally unnecessary as there is an extremely large Tesco a few miles down the road. At present my family always comes in from Hatfield to Welwyn to shop as it is far more pleasant to do so. If you as a council wish to take the heart and soul out of the town centre then pass the plans and let Tesco once more take over an entire town. If the people of Welwyn wish to shop at Tesco they only have a 5 min drive and they can do so without having to suffer the awful litter problem that we in Hatfield have to endure. The Tesco site and surrounding areas are a disgrace. So they are promising a swimming pool. Hatfield has 4 swimming pools, again within easy reach. Who will maintain this pool? I can see the council having to do this and at a time of cutbacks it would be an unnecessary expenditure. My father was Treasurer of the old HRDC and I can always remember him saying that pools usually ran at a loss. You can bet that all these promises will amount to nothing if Tesco succeed in their application. They are merely a carrot to draw people in. It is about time these large companies were told no, enough is enough. The Garden City was built to give residents a sense of community and letting Tesco build would destroy the entire concept. The town would lose its heart and originality.

Yours hopefully

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