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Subject: Tesco Store, Lytton Way; Stevenage Borough Council Local Plan Examination

Following our meeting a few weeks ago we are writing in relation to the emerging Stevenage Local Plan and the current examination of that plan. While I understand the inquiry is underway, and the time for formal representations has ended, I did want to reiterate the points we have already made and of course would be grateful if they could be taken into consideration.

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Tesco supports the aspirations of Stevenage Borough Council to redevelop the town centre and the delivery of key projects to unlock the full potential of the town and create a vibrant place where people want to live, work, shop and socialise.

Our Extra store on Lytton Way plays an anchor role in the retail offer of the town and has been serving the local population for since 1998 and will be celebrating 30 years of trading in the town next year. It forms a key part of the town's attraction as a retail destination with many customers linking a visit to our store with a visit to the rest of the town centre. We employ 365 staff in full and part time roles.

While we do support efforts at regeneration we do want to make clear a concern we have regarding access to our store. The store is accessed off Lytton Way and as a successful commercial operation we would clearly have concerns if the current access and egress were compromised in any way with the closure in part or in full of Lytton Way. We would also be concerned if the pedestrian access to the store was compromised as it is important that ease of access for pedestrians between the store and the town centre is maintained. We would be grateful if these comments can be taken into consideration in any deliberations going forward.

As a major employer in Stevenage we would be extremely grateful if we can be kept informed and consulted on future plans and would be happy to meet you again if that would be useful.