

# STOP TESCO UPDATE

At the end of last year we heard that Tesco was planning to build a supermarket on London Road. Opposition has been growing steadily – this update is to tell you what has been happening, and how you can help.

## YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAY **NO** TO TESCO

Stop Tesco, a group of local residents with the help of the St Albans Civic Society, has:

- **Organised** a highly effective Public Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January, which attracted over 200 people, and national TV and press coverage as well. A fighting fund was also raised.
- **Created** a lively, interactive website giving latest info and links to a host of relevant sites ([www.stoptesco.com](http://www.stoptesco.com)).
- **Established** campaign groups to gather information and fight the development.
- **Begun** networking all over St Albans to ensure city-wide support. Local and national politicians support our campaign.

## Meanwhile.....

The weekend of 26th/27th January saw a Public Exhibition in the Town Hall, followed by extensive door-to-door delivery of Tesco brochures, stressing how much the retail giant would bring to the city. But we believe these will be damaging to the city and the community

## Tesco's scheme will mean:

**Increased traffic**, throughout the centre - clogging up one of the key routes into the City and locking local residents into their streets, possibly eventually 24 hours a day.

**Damage to local and city centre businesses** - including the historic markets and other small employers

**The destruction of locally-listed buildings** and homes in the Conservation area.

**Air, noise and light pollution** – both during construction and while the site is in use.

**No opportunity** for a community-based alternative that respects the environment and meets the real needs of the City.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Please help us by:

1. **Displaying** our poster in your window.
2. **Signing** our petition online, on the doorstep, on the stall, on the streets.
3. **Writing** to the local press or local MP Anne Maine (email [maina@parliament.uk](mailto:maina@parliament.uk))
4. **Volunteering** to help in the community, or with planning, communication or legal skills.
5. Visiting [www.stoptesco.com](http://www.stoptesco.com) for regular updates
6. **Visiting** our town centre market stall when we formally launch the campaign on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

## WATCH OUT!

Watch out for Tesco's Planning Application (dayglo A4 notices on the site) expected in April or May. When you spot them please write or email the council to object, including the application reference numbers, so your objection gets seen in the planning process.

## WHAT THEN?

If and when a Tesco Planning Application is lodged, a Public Meeting will be called in the city centre.

**Around the country, Tesco developments are being defeated – we can win!**

# REMEMBER, TESCO CAN BE BEATEN!

Some people think we can't Stop Tesco. 'They will get their way - what can we do?', they ask. However, Tesco have been losing planning battles across the country. Here are some examples!

**Finchley** - Tesco refused permission to open a mini-supermarket, specifically on the grounds of the harm it would cause to 24 independent traders in the area. **(April 2007)**

**Hillingdon** - Tesco refused permission to open an 80,000 sq ft store in Yiewsley, Hillingdon due to the risk of turning the village and nearby West Drayton into a ghost town. **(March 2007)**

**Inverness** - Tesco refused permission to open a fourth superstore in Inverness. Councillors refused the application to create a 47,400 sq ft supermarket at Ness Side. **(February 2007)**

**Tolworth** - Tesco announced it had withdrawn its planning application to build a superstore and 662 homes on its Tolworth site. **(February 2007)**

We are in contact with successful anti-Tesco campaigns to learn how to defeat the supermarket giant. Please help us by completing the petition form below and sending it to Stop Tesco, 33 Alma Road, St Albans, or by volunteering to help our campaigning work.

**STOP TESCO...PLEASE.** We, the undersigned, are against Tesco's plan to build a supermarket on the Evershed's site on London Road, St. Albans, on the grounds that it will have far-reaching negative effects on the local community and the city as a whole. We believe that there are better alternative uses for this land. Any application by Tesco relating to this site must be refused. **(Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS in BLUE or BLACK pen and return to the address below. Thank you.)**

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Please return to Stop Tesco, 33 Alma Road, St Albans