

Bew

Minutes of a Special Public Meeting of 6 February 1986 to discuss the application by Tesco.

Present: About 190 residents and Messrs. Woods of MWT Architects, Sheppard of Dorther Properties and Rees of Tesco.

Apologies were received from R. Day, K.P. Humphries, G. Patten and S.C.D.C. Planning Officer.

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Mrs. B.C. Waterson chaired the meeting and explained the policies in both the Milton and Structure Plans had been drawn up a few years previously to protect areas in the village up to the 1990's.

At the time of the consultations Milton had agreed to a small supermarket on a two acre site on the "nurseries" land. It had been felt important to keep the village as a community with the shopping local. S.C.D.C. would adhere to these policies. Tesco and the developers had proposed a supermarket on land adjacent to the slip road - land designated for 70-80 houses. Vehicular access would be from a new roundabout on the Cambridge Road and the car park would be screened.

Facilities to the value of £200,000 had been offered to the village but the chairman felt that this should not be considered since Milton could not expect the £200,000 if the application was turned down.

In the case of appeal the votes of the village could be important.

Answering questions Mr. Rees explained that the store would be about 5/8 the size of the one at Bar Hill and that Tesco encouraged a broad mix of shops for the 6 retail units. The petrol forecourt was a major attraction and an important part of the application. Planning conditions could restrict the hours of trading though Tesco would expect to open from 9am to 8pm Monday to Saturday. Service lorries would also be restricted by planning conditions.

The chairman summed up saying that a referendum would be held and that each person must weigh up the arguments carefully.

Major concerns were increase in traffic, noise, rubbish, possible closure of present shops and a breach of the Structure Plan. The needs of DAPs and those without cars were important considerations. The provision of jobs for local people needed to be borne in mind.

There was concern about the library. The library authorities had indicated some two years previously that a centre site would be preferable.

There would be an increase in the number of articulated lorries to service either the Tesco store or a small central supermarket. Voters would need to weigh these considerations. Mrs. Waterson emphasized that according to S. Sillery S.C.D.C. would turn this application down whatever the villagers' views.

The people of Milton needed to decide what was best for the village as a whole.

R. Farrington on behalf of the floor thanked the chairman for her clear and impartial handling of the meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

Signed Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs) Chairman 13th May 1986 Date