

[open letter]

11 February 2010 - Stokescroft, Bristol

Dear Terry Leahy,

Cc. Ian Hutchins, Head of Corporate and Social Responsibility.

I understand Tesco are planning to build a shop in Bristol on Cheltenham Road between Stokescroft and Gloucester Road. I am writing on behalf of local people who care deeply about their community and would like the opportunity to talk with you and your colleagues about what you think Tesco will contribute to the area.

As it was, the Change of Use planning permission was applied for under a different company name with the bare minimum of consultation. Presumably this is standard practice and simply part of running a large business but unfortunately this means lots of people don't know what is happening. We all feel this has come as a bit of a surprise.

Without having the full information people understandably have genuine concerns over what Tesco will bring to the area. It has to be said there is a good number of us that are not sure Tesco is the best way forward.

Stokescroft is an area that in the past has not received the care and attention that it deserves. However, in recent years there have been several initiatives, such as Hamilton House, CoExist and the PRSC, that are driving positive change for local people and the environment. There is a strong feeling of hope and optimism that the area is on the up.

Like all worthwhile progress this has been hard fought by dedicated local people. We all take great interest in changes to the area, always looking for what the community feel is the best way to tackle shared, local and global challenges. We are constantly striving to grow and build a strong and sustainable local economy.

Being inclusive is really important to us. We would like to be included in your plans and likewise want you to understand what we want.

There is a group of people gathering on **Saturday 13 February** near the proposed site at 2:30pm. It would be great if you could be there to talk to local people about Tesco - its values and what this will bring to this unique part of Bristol. It looks to be a friendly, fun expression of the vibrant local culture that makes this place special.

If you're busy on Saturday, name the date when you can come down and we'll lay on the spread.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of 'the Say No to Tesco in Stokes Croft campaign'