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Dear Sir Terry

***Application for erection of Business Park ['megashed'] at Former Andover Airfield,
Hampshire, Test Valley Borough Council reference: 07/01951/OUTN***

I have been contacted by a number of constituents who have serious concerns about the proposed development and I wonder if you would kindly answer the following questions:

1. Why has this location been selected . relatively far west compared with your other distribution centres . and far from central for distributing to the published set of stores?
2. Given the new political strategy in the government's Climate Change Bill to tackle climate change by cutting carbon emissions, why has the proposed distribution centre no connection to the nearby branch railway line?
3. If constructed, for approximately how many years is the development anticipated to remain operational and when do you estimate it will become functionally obsolescent? What is the typical lifespan of this kind of development?
4. In what respects has this development been future-proofed to anticipate the growing imperatives to cut carbon emissions by shifting to shorter food chains, drastic reductions in road freight with increased use of rail, increased energy efficiency (including, for example, the use of renewable energy supplies), and sustainability in design?
5. Is this development one in a matrix of equivalent developments UK-wide, and if so, approximately where will the others be located?
6. Please could you provide an up-to-date estimate of the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) which would be using the site *per 24 hour day*, and on which data your estimate is based?

7. I note that traffic capacity is sufficient for operational vehicles on the site but am not clear where there is space for suppliers' vehicles: what is the capacity for the latter, and where will they park?
8. Finally, my constituents request that a scale model of the proposed development is provided: would Tesco consider fulfilling this request?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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