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Dear Mr Munn,

We thank you for your communication of 29th January 2007 in response to our letter to you expressing our concerns and that of many others about the proliferation of Tesco Supermarkets, shops and all their other activities. Even other Supermarkets are justifiably worried about the rapid and mass expansion of this company.

Their dominance has even been broadcast on the evening news and recently a reporter was standing in one town and counted four different branches of Tesco. It becomes alarming when people have no alternative shopping facilities.

People write and tell us that their town centres consist of empty boarded up shops and charity shops and some are just called 'Tesco towns' as you either shop at Tesco or not at all. There is considerable concern at sites being bought all over the country, and indeed two have been bought locally, one in Welshpool and another in Newtown. The former has been given permission and the latter is pending. There are already three supermarkets in Welshpool and three in Newtown. The council have already done a U turn about yet another supermarket - Lidl.

These areas are well provided for already, yet the smaller Supermarkets will undoubtedly be forced to close down and long established businesses in these towns also. It is another case of big business over-riding common sense, as always.

The plight of the impoverished suppliers is of great concern when they are being forced to supply at uneconomic prices ensuring abject poverty of these oppressed people. Big business has become a dirty word, yet nothing is done about it. Our politicians look after their interests and vested interests instead of the health and well-being of the nation.

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We see the disastrous effects of these appalling policies everywhere we look and indeed not least of all with the impending pandemics of Avian 'flu and the Sars virus due to the imprisonment of pigs, turkeys, chickens and ducks in filthy disease ridden cess-pit conditions, under the typically misleading title of 'factory farming'.

Millions of us are waiting to be wiped out, "at any time", we are told with these unnecessary diseases, based upon greed for money. Avian 'flu is already in this country and has been discovered at several sites. The reality of the situation is always covered up until things become a catastrophe. The rotting remains of these unfortunate survivors of this vile obscenity are to be found on supermarket shelves. The public are to be found in doctors surgeries and hospitals.

Mr Blair has made it clear that he supports any 'legitimate' business no matter how **disgusting** it may be. No chance of saving lives or the planet then!!

From your response it does not seem likely, at this late stage, that anything is to be done about Tesco in this politically destructive environment that exists. Everything is to be sacrificed in the name of profit - the whole planet now with escalating global warming and dimming.

In response to your query, you may place our correspondence on your website if you wish, but it is difficult to see that this can make any difference to the shameful situation that exists at present.

Yours sincerely,
for CAMHEALTH
and other interested parties

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