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Grocery Market Inquiry

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Dear Sir,

My main concern is the effect of the growth of supermarkets on small to middle-sized market towns, and particularly on small independent shops. As the owner of one I know we can't compete with supermarkets because they can sell goods cheaper than we can buy them. In the long term I don't see how the small shop (grocery or otherwise) will be able to compete, which will mean less variety of choice for the consumer as everything will be reduced to a homogenised similarity.

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