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Dear Mr Parker

Sainsbury's planning application – ref: 10/01650/FUL

I wish to show my support for a new Sainsbury's store in Bishop's Waltham.

Most people use supermarkets for their main weekly shop and, because of a lack of main food shopping choice, this currently happens away from Bishop's Waltham.

A new Sainsbury's in Bishop's Waltham will bring that choice closer to home which will save time and money as well as reducing the environmental impact of having to travel miles out of Bishop's Waltham to visit a supermarket.

Objectors to Sainsbury's proposals claim that there would be a detrimental effect on the High Street. However, with big improvements to the pedestrian route between the store and the High Street, and with three hours free parking at the store, it will be far easier and more convenient to carry out a trip to the High Street at the same time as visiting a supermarket than at present.

The High Street shops will therefore benefit from more people staying in or being attracted to Bishop's Waltham as a result of shopping at the new store.

Sainsbury's will also create 350 new jobs which will help to meet the real need for flexible working for parents, students, retired or those who do not have their own transport.

The Abbey Mill site is an ideal location for the new Sainsbury's store as it would be a big improvement over the empty site which has been derelict for some time. Also, English Heritage and Winchester Council's Urban Design, Historic Environment and Landscape officers have said that they have no objection to the proposals.

A new, modern Doctors' Surgery, which would also be delivered through the redevelopment of the site by Sainsbury's, is vital to handle the growing number of patients in the area. Access to and parking at the Surgery also needs to be improved, which a new Surgery at the Abbey Mill site would provide.

For these reasons I support Sainsbury's proposals for Bishop's Waltham.

Yours sincerely

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