

## **Manningtree Town Council**

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .**

Last night Manningtree Town Council voted to **OPPOSE** the plans proposing a Tesco supermarket on Station Road. This decision was made after careful consideration by all the councillors of the plans themselves, and research into the issues involved. The grounds for opposition are:

#### **1. Traffic.**

It was felt that the proposed store would generate more traffic than the local road network would be able to handle; the High Street in particular is easily choked by traffic, and the Station roundabout and crossing are already a frequent source of delays.

#### **2. Impact on existing shops and businesses.**

Experience in many other small towns where a large superstore has been built indicates that trade is drawn away from local businesses, some of which then close.

#### **3. Employment.**

Although a large new Tesco would provide jobs, these are likely to be more than offset by consequent losses elsewhere in the local economy. The site of the proposed store is employment land which Tesco claims is unsuitable for industrial use; this does not explain why Rose builders is operating successfully on part of the site.

#### **4. Design of the store.**

The design is ugly and unsuitable.

#### **5. Residential amenity.**

The Councillors all agreed that the loss of residential amenity, particularly to those living close to the proposed store, was unacceptable.

#### **6. Last but not least, local opinion.**

Whilst the Councillors are aware that a considerable number of local people are in favour of a new store, the evidence is that the majority of the residents of Manningtree are not.

**The full text of the letter to Tendring District Council is available in Manningtree Library.**

R. Kenneison, Clerk to the Council  
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