

Noise and Disturbance

The residents of Vimy Road have complained about the noise coming from the Tesco yard, especially at night. Homebase do not have lorries after store hours therefore Tesco is the culprit.

The noise levels are above legal limits and that if Homebase goes there will be more.

Tesco would have to be very diligent to reduce the noise coming from their yard at all hours. There would be a greater number of deliveries to the enlarged Tesco if they get the go ahead.

Traffic generation and Sustainable Transport

The loss of Homebase will not reduce the traffic to Tesco.

There will not be more linked trips to the town centre. The figure of 42% from a Tesco survey actually too high and there is no way to check the verification of this survey as it is not available for public consultation. The Planning Inspector stated that he was satisfied with about 22% of linked trips, which in our mind is still too high. Tesco in 2000 stated 35% linked trips so how the percentage has increased is baffling.

The Tesco proposals and the assessments that they have made are not robust enough. To do a traffic survey and use two hours is ludicrous. A colleague who actually works for contractors for the Department of Transport states that it is totally inadequate and is not correct.

Also the Transport Officers stating that the entrances and exits of Tesco are adequate can be seen to be utterly wrong.

We submit some photographs of the various exits and entrances.

Main Entrance



Petrol Station entrance



Petrol station exit looking north



Petrol Station looking south



Looking south to petrol station entrance/exit



Middle exit



Middle Exit looking south



Middle Exit Looking North



Top Exit



Top Exit looking south



Top Exit looking north



Looking at these pictures from a height of about 66 inches slightly higher than a car driver the Transport Officers remarks seem very strange. The above photograph leads up to Vimy Road and the estate behind. The fence belongs to the building on the right. The middle exit gives a very good range of vision to get out. The petrol station entrance and exit is very difficult to get out of and is by far the busiest as a lot of cars use the petrol station but do not use the supermarket car park.