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I am pleased to put forward my opinion on the above subject for your consideration.

1. It will almost certainly destroy a number of businesses, both in the food sector and in the general retail sector, such as clothing, electric goods etc. It may lead to lower prices in the short-term, but the damage done to local businesses who pay tax in the island will far outway any such short-term benefit. The Tesco's or Sainsbury's won't pay tax in Jersey under the zero/ten proposals. Nor will most of their staff, because they will inevitably fall below the earnings tax threshold.
2. It will increase consumer choice initially, but choice will decrease in the medium to long term as local businesses are forced to close down.
3. The jobs created will mostly be of low skill and lowly paid, and they will probably be filled by immigrants from Eastern European countries. We do not need to create new jobs in this sector; instead we should foster the development of high-value contributors, such as the IT/ Finance/ Insurance sector.
4. We have more than enough retail space already, let alone, when the Waterfront comes on stream.
5. It will lead to a huge increase in traffic on the St Peter/ St Brelade approach roads. There is enough heavy traffic already on the Airport approach roads.
6. It will be bad for the island's 'Carbon Foot Print', leading to shopping journeys from the east and centre of the island to the west.

kind regards

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