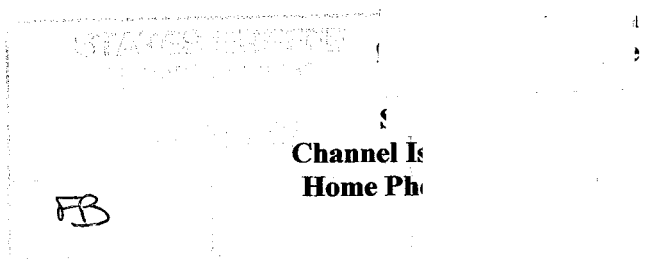


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Dear Sir,

We see no logic in the development of a new chain supermarket store near the Airport.

There are already 3 branches of the Co-op and 2 branches of CI Traders in the close proximity. This is more than adequate.

As far as traffic is concerned, you have the above supermarkets, the Airport itself and the Sports Centre, not to mention the Schools, plus a major Garden Centre all accessed by the same route. How much more traffic do you want to send in this direction?

The final point we would like to mention is that there is no joined up thinking with the tax situation by allowing another UK non tax paying chain into the Island with the resultant loss of Revenue.

With regard to your 5 statements in tonight's JEP

- We believe it will destroy local business.
- While this may increase customer choice, Jersey already has enough UK retail companies operating here.
- On the staffing side, it could be numbers neutral. Rob Peter to pay Paul applies.
- As we consider this area is already adequately serviced, it is not environmentally friendly to have people driving all the way to St Brelade to a Tesco type store. Better it be nearer town *or better still not at all.*
- We have more than enough retail space with the Waterfront, otherwise the town centre will die and a lot of local livelihoods with it. If people want to be like England...go to or go back to England. We don't want to be a satellite of the UK. Tourists come here to see something different. We have our own identity and Senator Ozouf has got it all wrong in even considering new supermarkets from the UK or France.

Yours faithfully,

R P an R E Morin.