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Dear Sirs

In reply to your column in JEP re: St Peter new supermarket  
my thoughts are these:

Whilst I welcome the idea of a Tesco Asda or Sainsbury in the Island I am concerned about the extra traffic in the area and particularly on the Airport Road. I do not know for sure where the site is located but you mention near the airport.

There is a problem with traffic jams at present to and from the Garden Centre, how much would it increase?  
Idling car engines and extra journeys for shoppers will not help the global warming situation. Popularity of such a venue is certain to add to this.  
Possibly too the Beaumont roundabout delays for the same reasons may be affected.  
Can the existing infrastructure cope, or will that introduce more problems for residents in the area?

I like the idea of competition for the existing supermarkets and the monopolies held, it may make for better value for money in an expensive island but it will surely drive some of the smaller businesses out.

I can't help a tongue in cheek comment though!  
Perhaps a Franchise may be an answer from one of the existing supermarket monopolies?  
Some of the profits made, to be returned into the tax coffers, thus reducing the bills for the ordinary tax payer?  
In an unfair world that would be a novelty.

Yours faithfully

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