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My concerns about these proposals are:

Losing the large Sainsbury's is a major loss to the area. The proposals state that the supermarket will be "re-provided", whatever that's supposed to mean. I suspect it's developer's speak for we'll put something else in it's place, but there's no way there's space for anything as large and comprehensive as the current Sainsbury's. This will be a huge loss to the community, who rely on the proximity of this shop and is particularly alarming for elderly residents who don't have the means or are not able to travel further afield for their shopping. Waitrose is not the solution. That is a very small shop compared to Sainsbury's.

The loss of Homebase is a similar case in point. I have no idea where the nearest equivalent replacement outlet is, but know it is not within walking distance, so that will also be a major problem for the local community.

I assume the 1,800 new homes will be affordable (ie for people who are desperate) since who, if they had alternative options, would want to live sandwiched between two noisy railway lines?

And with all these 1,800 new homes, what provision is there for car parking? There isn't any spare parking in the neighbouring streets, so where are these new households going to park their cars?

In the leaflet just circulated to locals by the developers, is the plan supposed to be anything resembling an accurate plan or is it just a vague illustration?

Aren't they being a big grandiose in saying there'll be "two new public parks" when what they mean is there'll be a few trees on two small squares of grass?