

Comment from Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Re: Tesco's Prominence

Comment from Jimmy Chestnutt, SFCCI Director General regarding Tesco's Prominence in Southampton and the surrounding area:-

“Independent newsagents, grocers, convenience or specialist shops are often family run businesses and when they have to close down it is not only the loss of that family's livelihood at stake, but the loss of local employment and a local amenity as well as a blow to the community identity.

The Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce supports an investigation into current conditions of business with regards to the potential near monopoly of large retail units. Hundreds of small shops are going out of business every year and this trend must be examined to discover the part played by large supermarkets and any other influences”.