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Dear Mr Howarth

Thank you for your letter addressed to Sir Terry Leahy which has been passed for my attention.

I would also like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to clarify a few points that you raised on this matter.

As you know the building does have a planning condition, which dates back quite a way that requires deliveries to be made to the rear doors. This condition was in force prior to the surrounding roads being made into a one way system and would now require delivery vehicles to drive along residential streets.

As part of our good neighbour policy we always consider local residents and neighbours and this was certainly a factor in our choice to deliver to the front of the store, as did the previous occupants, and most of the other traders along Mill Road do.

Although we think this is probably the best option for the area I would like to confirm that we plan to service the store from the rear.

We have always remained committed to Mill Road because we think it is such an excellent site so I was sorry to hear that you are against this store. Whilst we note there is opposition to the store, we also note the increasingly strong show of support for the store, including a 500 signature petition urging us to open as quickly as possible. We continue to be contacted by local people registering their support for the Express store and particularly the price and convenience benefits that it will bring to the area.

Whilst we are confident that there is a demand for the store, ultimately it is the shoppers and the test of time that determine whether a shop is successful or not.

Once again thank you for your letter.

Yours sincerely

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