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Comments: This application is based on the false assumption that Buxton could accommodate another supermarket or single large retailer. The Buxton Economic Resilience Study (available to download here <http://transitionbuxton.co.uk/node/577>) provides evidence that in 2014 only 1% of local household spending on food is in local independent shops. In 2009 it was just 10%. For our local economy and community to really benefit from the local multiplier effect we need to get the figure up to 30% or more.

We do however need more housing, particularly starter homes, affordable and social housing. The brownfield Nestle site could provide homes, student housing, a hotel and green space and a good return on investment for a realistic developer.

The current development proposal is based on an outdated model of retail needs, expansion and investor return.

This proposition would not offer the town the best option for our well being and should be rejected. It is better for it to sit fallow a little longer until a more appropriate, imaginative, developer can be attracted to invest in our lovely town.