

# Letters to Other Bodies-Letter to Maurice Pratt Tesco 21-08-00

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Dear Mr. Pratt,

I am a county councillor with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and I am writing to you in connection with your outlet in Ballybrack Shopping Centre. The local residents association have been in monthly contact with you (copies of these letters have been supplied to me) concerning the dreadful state of the green area adjoining your premises.

I went to visit this location myself(see photo enclosed) and at 10am on a weekday morning found the public green area litter strewn with items covered in Tesco price stickers. It is most depressing for the local residents that, despite their best efforts to keep the area litter free through picking it up themselves, they have to concede that they have lost the battle against your company.

It is clear that you have little respect for the authority of the County Council. At the December 1999 meeting of the Council there was cross party support for a motion(see attached) calling on your company to erect a boundary wall to prevent litter generated by your customers defacing the area's green space. In your reply of 10th December 1999 you replied that you would not build a wall but would ask the store manager to try to do better. It is clear from an inspection of the area that things have not got better and the only solution is a wall. Can you answer me a straightforward question, what is your company's objection to building the wall requested by the residents? Is the reluctance indicative of Tesco UK's attitude to local communities?

I am writing to Minister Dempsey, one of the most enlightened Ministers in the fight against litter, as it is clear that your company's actions run against all the initiatives that Minister Dempsey's department have introduced.

Yours Sincerely,

CC

- Minister Noel Dempsey, Department of the Environment
- Director General
- RG Data

- An Cathaoirleach, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council