

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Our proposal for Bedlington would create around 80 extra full and part-time jobs for local people.

Find out more about working at Tesco and what it could mean for you!

Benefits

- After six months of service all Tesco employees get 10% off their shopping.
- Among the best rates of pay and benefits in the retail industry.

Flexibility

- Flexible working and a range of full time and part time jobs with opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Training and your career

- Training courses ranging from basic retail skills through to graduate and management schemes. For people who have had little or no experience of working, we offer basic skills training and pre-employment support. Completion of this training guarantees you a job.

Sharing in our success

- We want our staff to share in our success. 65% of our staff own shares in the company. Last year we gave £70 million of shares to 168,000 staff with over a year's service.



WORKING WITH LOCAL SUPPLIERS

We are proud to already work with many local suppliers in Northumberland, including those outlined below. A new store in Bedlington would allow us to source even more high quality produce locally, supporting Northumberland businesses and offering our customers more of what they want.

Northumberland Cheese Company

Based at Blagdon, the Northumberland Cheese Company was established in 1984 by former farmer Mark Robertson. The names of his cheeses – Coquetdale, Cheviot, Kielder and Hadrian – reflect Mark's passion for the area. From small beginnings the Northumberland Cheese Company now employs 16 people and is planning further expansion.



Borderfields Limited

Based at Belford, Border Fields Cold Pressed Rapeseed Oil is sold in more than 100 Tesco stores. The rapeseed is grown by farmers in North Northumberland and the Scottish Borders and pressed and bottled at Belford. The result is a natural product with no harmful additives and packed with health benefits.

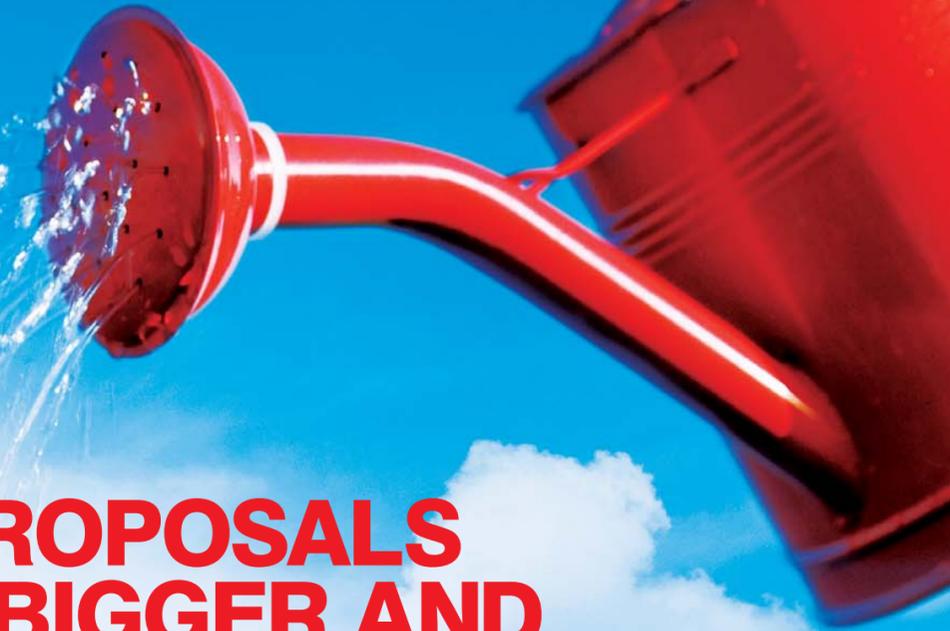


The Wylam Brewery

Based at Heddon-on-the-Wall, Wylam's Rocket beer won the Tesco Taste Award which means it is on the shelves of all stores in the North. The brewery says winning the award and the subsequent assistance from Tesco was the "icing on the cake" and took a small but successful brewery to a new level.



OUR PROPOSALS FOR A BIGGER AND IMPROVED STORE IN BEDLINGTON



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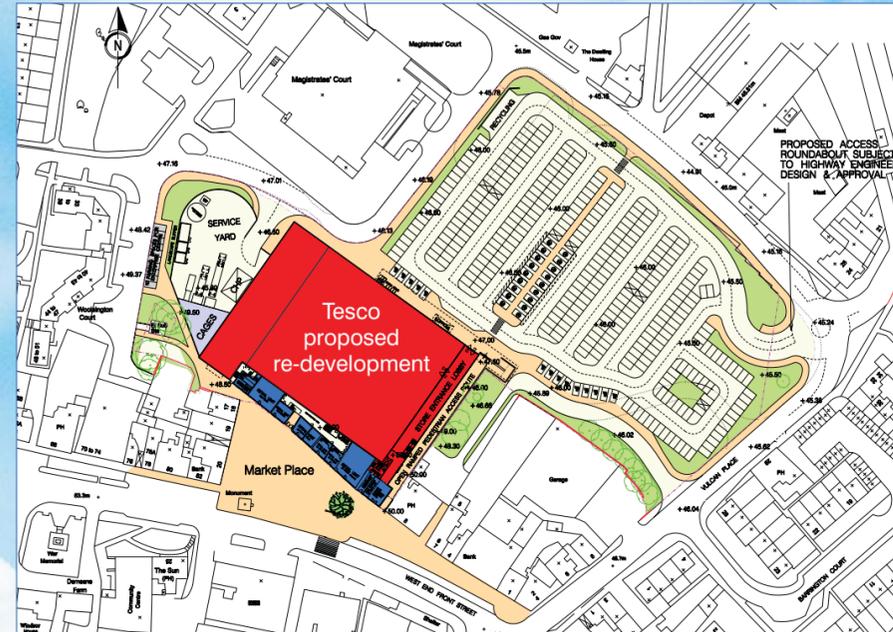


OUR PLANS

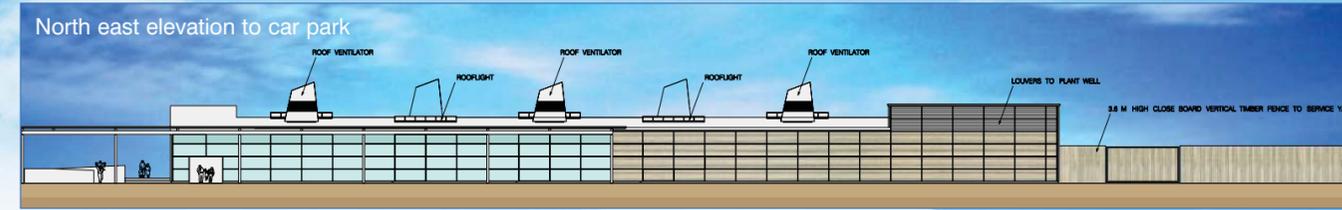
We are proposing to increase the existing floorspace by 17,000 sq ft. The new space will allow us to offer shoppers a far wider choice and range of goods. As well as improving the existing Tesco, the plan involves:

- Filling the “gap site” at the corner of Bedlington’s historic market place.
- Providing six retail units to revitalise the commercial centre of the town.
- Creating an Enterprise Centre, containing 15 offices, for new local businesses.
- Ensuring new and refurbished buildings contribute to the character of the Conservation Area.

Map of proposed re-development



Elevated plans of proposed re-development



Tesco’s proposal would work hand-in hand with Wansbeck District Council’s Bedlington Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) which will:

- Invest £2m to help conserve and enhance the historic environment of the conservation area
- Help boost business viability

Works starts early 2009 on the revamp of the market place and repair and restoration of commercial buildings in the town centre’s conservation area.

Under its partnership with Wansbeck District Council, Tesco would handover the retail and Enterprise Centre units to the council to lease to support new and growing businesses.

This is part of the Go Wansbeck “Local Enterprise Growth Initiative” already offering business coaching, loans, start up and growth grants for local businesses.



KEY ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES

The Tesco store in Bedlington would be one of our most advanced, low carbon buildings to date – with a carbon footprint 50% less than our traditional stores. Working together with our team of environmental experts, our plans will include the latest features of sustainable building technology.

Our proposals for Bedlington will draw on these new technologies:



Timber built store

- Our timber built store would save 122 tonnes of carbon every year – the amount produced by 22 households.
- A timber-framed canopy to cut out excess heat from the sun.



Roof wind catchers

- To allow natural ventilation.

Roof lights

- Addition of clerestory glazing to add natural daylight into the store, in turn reducing energy requirements and associated carbon emissions.



Energy efficient equipment

- The store would be powered by an energy efficient Combined Cooling Heat and Power Plant
- A wind turbine would also provide energy for the site.

In addition, measures to reduce consumption would include:

- Low energy lighting
- Motion activated lighting
- Re-cycling hot and cool air
- Lower building heights
- High tech glazing
- Doors on fridges and freezers

Low carbon technology

- We would create opportunities to re-use heat and water

HAVE YOUR SAY...

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet. We hope it has answered your questions about our proposals. We would like to know what you think about our plans, so please have your say and fill in your comments on the card below. Thank you.

Would you like a bigger Tesco in Bedlington offering greater choice for shoppers?

YES NO

Do you support plans to regenerate Bedlington’s Market Place?

YES NO

Do you think the proposed Enterprise Centre will benefit local businesses?

YES NO

Do you think the new retail units would help revitalise the town centre?

YES NO

As part of the scheme it is proposed to fill in the disused underpass in Glebe Road. Would you support this?

YES NO

Please add any other comment _____

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