



LISTENING:

Listen to the recording once.

What words or ideas did you hear?

What is the listening about in general?

Read phrases 1-6 out loud.

Listen to the recording again, with a short pause after each paragraph, and decide these phrases are true or false.

1. The new supermarket will improve roads and traffic signals in the area.
2. The new supermarket will create two to three hundred new jobs.
3. Protesters say that the majority of supermarket staff will be paid the minimum wage.
4. Supermarket bosses say they will sell electronics and sports equipment.
5. Farmers would prefer to sell their products to the supermarket rather than to local shops.
6. Some people think it will be ugly and destroy the beautiful countryside.

Now read the text and listen at the same time.

What are the arguments for, and against building the supermarket?

DISCUSSION:

Do you prefer to shop in supermarkets, traditional markets or local shops? Why?

Do you ever buy organic products or do you think they are a waste of money?

Who has a better lifestyle, the owner of a shop or someone who works in a supermarket?

If you had a shop, what kind of products would you sell?

GAP FILL:

Use 1 word from the listening text to fill the gaps in these sentences:

(In the Trinity reading exam you will need 1-3 words)

1. Local retailers feel because they are worried about local jobs.
2. Currently, local consumers can't buy electronic goods on the nearby street.
3. Farmers are about lower prices and quality.
4. agree with the farmers, and say the supermarket wastes food and packaging.
5. Some protesters have called the proposed building an because they think it will be ugly.

WRITING:

Write an article for your local newspaper about the controversial plan to build a new supermarket in your area. Say why this plan might be beneficial of the area and why some people disagree. Include your personal opinion about whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.



Next week, the town council will meet to debate the possible construction of a new supermarket at the edge of the town and today we're going to take a closer look at some of the issues that they'll consider.

The supermarket chain has proposed building a large store and carpark on the west side of the town, on a previously undeveloped site. They say the store will bring many more jobs to the zone and also they will upgrade the roads and traffic signals around the site.

Local retailers are understandably upset about the possible new store. They point to research which says that for every supermarket which opens, an estimated two to three hundred jobs are lost in the community. They also say that the majority of the supermarket staff will be paid the minimum wage, while shops in the community try to pay their workers at fair rates.

Supermarket bosses say that their store will increase the range of goods and services in the area for consumers. They will offer dry-cleaning services and will sell sports equipment and electronic items, which are currently not sold on the local high street.

As this is an agricultural area, many farmers have also given their opinion. They would prefer to sell their products to local stores and are worried that the supermarkets will drive down prices and quality. Local environmentalists support the farmers' point of view and add that more food and packaging is wasted in supermarkets than in local shops.

Although the supermarket has promised to "clean up" the surrounding area, there are many people who think that the building itself will be an eyesore. These protesters have said that it will be an ugly warehouse detracting from the beautiful surrounding countryside.

So, it's likely to be quite a lively meeting. We'll of course keep you updated with all the latest information on this story, but for now it's back to the studio.