



Look at the photo and guess:  
what kind of place is it?  
What would you find there?  
Would you like to be there  
right now?

.....fold.....fold.....fold



Ask and answer these questions in  
groups:

Are there any shopping centers in your town?  
How often do you go to a shopping centre?  
What kind of things do you usually buy in this kind  
of shops?  
What are the advantages of shopping there?  
What about small local shops? Do you often shop  
in them? What sort of things?

# A new shopping centre in town

## Situation

A big chain store wants to open a new hypermarket in town. There are several stakeholders that have requested a meeting to discuss the project.

Westfield Community.

Please join us for a community meeting to discuss the topic :

*Do we need another hypermarket in town?*

Public Library. Main Street, Westfield

November 21<sup>st</sup> 18.00



## **Role Cards**

You are going to take part in a meeting to discuss the possible opening of a hypermarket in your town. You are given a role and should prepare and present your position clearly.

### *Local Resident*

- This is a peaceful area.
- Consequences: increase of traffic, crowded at weekends...
- Losing your property.

### Shop Owner

- You will be affected with loss of revenue/customers.
- Jobs will be lost.
- Traditional business will disappear.

### Councillor

- Increase of revenue for local Council (taxes).
- Opportunity to develop the area.
- Creation of new public amenities.

### Landowner/ Investor

- Part of the land is privately owned.
- Sale would profit investors and building companies (more jobs will be created)

### Long-Term Unemployed Resident

- Need to have jobs so that young families can stay in the area.
- Population in the area aging quickly.

### Member or Environmental Group

- More green areas are needed in town.
- The area is a bird sanctuary and some species will be forced to leave.
- A small wood of centennial trees likely to be affected.

### Company Representative

- It will benefit local community ( create jobs for the local residents)
- Training will be provided free of charge.
- There will be more roads and parking areas.
- Fresh produce will be bought locally.