

**A letter of protest- write a Formal letter of protest ( 200 words)**

**Read a newspaper article befor you write a letter**

## **£20M RETAIL PARK FOR AYLESMARSH**

**AYLESMARSH COUNCIL** are meeting next June to decide whether or not to approve plans for a 200-hectare retail park on the outskirts of the town. The park will include department stores, clothing outlets, media stores, computer and electrical stores.

Harrington plc. the company with plans to develop the greenfield site, say that the project will cost £20 million. A company spokesperson said, 'The park will create over 300 jobs during the construction phase and over 200 permanent jobs once it is open.' The retail park will have parking for 500 cars. A regular bus service will run from

the centre of town to the park.

The plans are likely to be controversial. Councillor Mike Nesbit, who is in favour of the development, said it would be a massive boost to the local economy, creating hundreds of jobs and attracting major retailers to the new park. However, local traders are reported to be upset at the effect the retail park will have on town centre shops, and environmentalists say it will destroy fields and ancient woodland. 'We want to consult local people,' said Cllr Nesbit, 'and in the coming months we will be holding a number of public meetings at which people can air their views.'

**Read the task:**

**Read the task below. How many paragraphs will your letter have?**

Write a letter of protest (200–250 words) to Councillor Nesbit at Aylesmarsh Council. Include the following points:

- State that you object to the proposal to build the new retail park.
- Give two objections, with reasons.
- Say what action you would like the council to take.