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Chas, very well presented by you and Karen last Thursday in a very informative delivery . It would be fairly obvious that with my Energise Gala interest the future of Galashiels Town Centre is a big concern . Having given it some thought since last week and after the round the table discussion, I am of the opinion and I know its turning back the clock but I would plan to bring cars back into Galashiels Town Centre . In the very first Galashiels Local Plan Approved (1953) it proposed to demolish all buildings from the buildings fronting the Market Square back to the " Glue Pot " to provide parking. This would reduce retail floor space but given the massive increase since the introduction of two massive Supermarkets ,I would see the remaining floorspace in the centre more in demand if they were smaller units.I appreciate that this is counter to the Master Plan proposal for a wonderful pedestrian precinct but there is absolutely no need for an area for the sole use of pedestrians if you don't have any!!!. Bin the planning approach to the car of the 50/60s and accept that without " treadturn" you are not going to increase" footfall." Home Bargains is proof of this . regards [REDACTED]