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The Co-operative Group

- UK's Fifth Largest Food Retailer
- Employ over 120,000 people
- Owned by over 3 million members
- Operate out of 5,000 retail stores
- 8,000 properties in use or under management

Secondary Centres

- Smaller town centres and market towns
- Fundamental challenges
 - Socio economic mix
 - Infrastructure and transport
 - Constrained built environment
- Need to recognise the uniqueness of the place and provide suitable responses
 - What is the offer?
 - What is the brand?

Localisation

- A NIMBY Charter?
- Back to the Future?
- Putting Local authorities in a business environment
- Fundraising powers
- Incentivising development

Better Planning Please

- Local accountability
- Consistent decision making
- Committing to town centres
- Integrating the development strategy
- Retailing is only PART of the answer

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