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## David Thornton

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Dear David,

I am writing about the Supply Chain Manager role at Tesco, which I saw on your careers page. I have spent ten years in supply chain across FMCG and e-commerce, currently managing end-to-end operations at Boots across a network of 3 distribution centres serving 2,200+ stores. Tesco's supply chain scale and its investment in forecasting technology are what make this an appealing next step.

At Boots, I led a distribution network consolidation from 4 DCs to 3, which saved £2.8 million annually by closing the Wakefield DC, redistributing volume, and renegotiating haulage contracts for a 12% cost reduction on linehaul. All with no measurable impact on store delivery windows. I also implemented a demand sensing tool that reduced forecast error from 28% to 19% across health and beauty categories, and I manage relationships with 180+ suppliers. Before Boots, I spent three years at Ocado as Supply Planning Manager for chilled and fresh categories, where I built a waste reduction programme that cut chilled waste from 3.1% to 1.8% of sales, saving £1.6 million per year. My career started at Unilever on the Future Leaders Programme, where I rotated through demand planning, procurement, and warehouse operations.

I hold the APICS CSCP certification, a CIPS Level 4 Diploma, and Lean Six Sigma Green Belt. I am proficient in SAP and Power BI. I would welcome the chance to discuss how my network optimisation and forecasting experience could contribute to Tesco's supply chain operation.

Best regards,

Neil Barrington