

**As Big Business & Multinationals increasingly dominate the market place,
do we in society find we have less choice?**

Over recent years there have been many takeovers/mergers so that now there are fewer, but bigger companies. Look at food shops (supermarkets), vet practices, builders merchants, retail outlets.....

As a consumer do we have less choice? Better value? How do we feel about this? Have we benefitted by the process?
But how is this for a producer? Only a big producer can deal with the big companies and supply the quantities required.

Another aspect is how everywhere is becoming the same. Every town now has an out of town retail park with Boots/ Pets at home/ Oak furniture land/ Next/ Hobbycraft etc. If you were teleported to a random retail park, you wouldn't have a clue where you were - they all look the same!!! Same with modern housing estates - all the same. Vernacular has gone. Same with McDonalds, doesn't matter where you go , it's all the same.

Do we like this uniformity? If so you are in luck, if not, what can we do?

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