

Email Objection from local resident dated 16/3/26.

Dear All

I am writing (E Mailing you all ) as I'm bitterly disappointed to learn at the 11th hour that the initial application as above to install a LIDL supermarket at Westover Retail park which was initially rejected has now I believe been agreed following fresh changes .

Mistakenly I now discover that there was no obligation other than on the Case Manager to notify me or other objectees to the fresh application nor I believe a legal requirement to do so (I could be wrong ) .

My knowledge of local or national planning rules is limited ,although I would like to think a degree of common sense is allowed to prevail although that sometimes seems to have disappeared .

I would indeed wish all planning committee members here to consider the implications fully of allowing even amended proposals to be given the go ahead and if even at this late stage reject them for the following reasons.

1. The junction at which this proposed fresh development would take place is a major route east to west - various schools -Castlepoint, Cooper Dean and the Spur Rd and not least Royal Bmth Hospital and Christchurch /Boscombe . At the best of times exiting from Muscliff Lane requires waiting some length of time , and often traffic on Castle lane with Yellow Box junction prevents crossing. The inevitable increased flow of traffic a supermarket right at this junction will create is only going to massively impact the junction and only add to the gridlock that often happens at many times during the day . Not least rush hour , school closing and opening times and generally most of the day.

2. The necessity and or benefit of LIDL there is tenuous to say the least - traffic fumes will increase exponentially and for all that i believe more room for cycle lanes has been made is going to make no significant difference to this , since for all that cycling is being encouraged it is clear we do not live in a country for all year round cycling in all weathers.

.3 As alluded to above I believe that any positives for LIDL are seriously overstated. Economically there will be no more money being spent locally as there is only such much to go around.

To the best of my knowledge, I'm sure I will miss some but we have more than an abundance of Supermarkets -Mini Markets all within a 5 mile radius .

Tesco Mini Markets -Express Stores 5

Castlepoint Supermarkets 4

LIDL 3

Co op 1 + 1 Mini Market

Asda 1 Mini Market Filling Station

Tesco Supermaket (Kinson & Castle Lane )

Sainsburys Local Winton

etc etc

I'm sure that with the various other mini marts etc etc that there is more than enough to meet demand and this application is really reaching a saturation point .

4. With this no it is inevitable that one if not more of those in close proximity will close since trade will be taken away from them , so any short term gain will i'm 1000% sure be negated by another stores closure . In particular Co Op in Moordown especially which is not overly busy now ! Indeed I would want this placed on record that i predict closures since I'm certain I will be vindicated if this goes ahead.

5. If online deliveries are allowed from such development this will lead to further traffic flow.

6 . Lastly but not probably least it will result in those stores which are of community benefit closing and possibly not relocating in the town.

This is an application that should not proceed in any shape or form there are more than enough multiple stores around in short distance of one another.

I would hope that what I believe should be the correct decision is taken even at this stage for the good of the area and above all else traffic congestion .

Look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Regards