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Dear Sir,

Application No: 17/00656 – LIDL Supermarket Store

I have strong objections to the building of a supermarket store by LIDL on Manor Road, Hayling Island close to the roundabout for the following reasons:

1. The development on Manor Road will be on a green field site. There are already too few green spaces on Hayling Island. To constantly erode green areas is to reduce the amenities for those living on the island. To turn a green field into a supermarket is the worse kind of development. It will be an eyesore at an area which is at present quite pleasant.
2. There is no need for another store on Hayling Island. There are plenty of food shops on the island already. The argument, which I have heard, that it will reduce the need for islanders to shop in Havant is a spurious one as LIDL does not carry the full range of items that the other main supermarkets carry.
3. The infrastructure on Hayling Island is poor. The one and only road, a single lane carriageway, is constantly busy and frequently blocked. I don't believe that the traffic will reduce. Indeed I believe that the opposite is true, traffic on Havant Road will increase because those living at Northney, Langstone and in the north of the island may well decide to shop at LIDL. LIDL's own vehicles, including those of its staff, will further increase traffic in the area.
4. The site that LIDL has chosen is going to cause traffic congestion. The roundabout is already busy, being a through route off the island. Shoppers visiting the site will cause a bottleneck at the roundabout.

For all these reasons I object strongly to the proposal to build a LIDL supermarket on Hayling Island at this site on Manor Road. Would you please make my objections known to the Council's Planning Committee.

Yours faithfully

J P B Collins OBE