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Planning Application - Lidl

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Greetings!

I understand from a friend that a planning application by 'Lidl' has been made regarding land south of the roundabout in Manor Road, known as 'Rookery Field', and comments are required by the end of July.

This seems very short notice for a reasoned response, and I give my initial thoughts below. I am very surprised that, for so important a development potentially affecting the whole of Hayling Island, no notice concerning this has appeared either in 'Serving You' or the Hayling Islander. This lack of information makes a reasoned response difficult, if many people are not aware of the need for a timed response. I understand a notice is on site, but this is not adequate (for example,

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Comments

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A) I am not anti 'Lidl' but, from what I remember of the draft local plan, the site concerned is not zoned for commercial development. If built, this development should be in an area zoned for commercial or light industrial development. The 'artists impression' circulated by 'Lidl' shows a building type unsuited to a predominantly rural site, and includes a visually obtrusive roadside sign, both unsuited to the area.

B) I have no doubt that the increase in turning and queuing traffic so near Haylings most important traffic roundabout will be both a potential cause of delays, and a considerable risk of accidents, in view of the number of cars and commercial vehicles using the site.

Traffic on both Church & Manor Roads is increasing both in numbers and speed following housing development and turning traffic entering & leaving a commercial development so near the roundabout represents a considerable hazard. I hope that no planning decision will be made before the report of the

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Advisory Group' concerning traffic volumes is available
& made public. I think the dangers relating to the use
of this site far outweigh any possible reduction in traffic
leaving the Island.

I should be grateful if you could pass these
comments to whoever is the appropriate person
by the required date; I could expand the comments
given time! I still much enjoy living here, and
feel strongly that development should take place in
appropriate zones, thus preserving open spaces so
attractive to residents & visitors alike. I find it
difficult to believe that my late wife & I bought
our house here fifty years ago, and that I am
still here [redacted] to enjoy it!

Yours sincerely,
[redacted]