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Dear Sir

Lidl UK - Planning Application No APP/17/00656 Manor Road, Hayling Island.

I am writing, along with my wife, in support of the above application by Lidl Uk for a proposed food store. We are obviously local residents that would welcome a new store for various reasons, which I have already outlined in 'online support' on the Council's web page.

We would like to make a comment in support of the application as we believe that a new store would provide local residents with a greater choice of shopping on the island. The current shopping situation is inadequate, given the population of the island.

Again, a new store would provide local jobs for local job seekers.

We are aware also that you may have received a number of objections to the proposed store from residents, based on a supposed increase in traffic volumes on the main road onto the island.

I would refute any such claim, as it is my belief that quite the contrary effect would take place should the development be permitted. A lessening of traffic volumes would undoubtedly follow if the store was permitted.

This situation is self evident. Currently residents of the island, travel (often by car) to the mainland a few times a week to carry out shopping for provisions. People from Havant, and other mainland towns however, are already well provided by numerous stores.

There is simply no reason for traffic from the mainland to increase traffic flows onto Hayling Island for shopping purposes. By the same token, if the Lidl store was permitted, then surely less island residents would take to the road to access the mainland.

I can speak from experience regarding this matter, as I retired to Hayling Island in 2010, having been a Senior Traffic Engineer at the London Borough of Wandsworth for a great deal of time prior to retirement.

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We hope that you take note of this matter, as it is our belief that should a new store be approved, any benefits would far outweigh any perceived contrary results.

Thank you for giving us the chance to support this application.

Yours faithfully

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