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Dear Mr Oliver

Re: Proposed Lidl food store, Manor Road, Hayling Island.
Application number APP/17/00656

I have followed closely the proposals for a new Lidl store. I attended the meeting at the URC hall to see and discuss the plans, I have looked at the plans on line and I have always been in favour of planning permission being granted.

The rapidly growing population of Hayling Island (due to the pace of housing development) needs more than one large store on the Island. Shopping choices just off the Island are plentiful, with Marks and Spencer, Tesco, Waitrose and Aldi.

There are small supermarkets on Hayling, but the one large store has very poor parking and frequently empty sporadically-stocked shelves with employees that can only say, "It hasn't arrived on the delivery."

I do use and will continue to use independent retailers locally – the greengrocer, the butchers and the bakers, but I increasingly need to drive to Havant to fulfil my list of requirements. The Co-op's ranges are very poor, dictated by a computer in Manchester. I do not like the tedious trail to Havant and back on the traffic-choked main road and bridge which are more suitable for the 1950's level of traffic.

The residents of the southern half of Hayling Island will benefit from a Limited Assortment Discount Store, particularly Lidl, because of the quality range of goods. I do not believe that people will drive onto Hayling from the mainland to shop as there is a Lidl at Leigh Park and Aldi at Havant. I am just one example of a shopper that will not be using the one clogged road nearly so often. There must be many more who feel as I do.

The population of north Hayling will continue to drive off as they have always done, so no change there. Not many come south to shop in the Co-op – and who can blame them?

I would like you to take my opinions into consideration at the Planning Committee meeting and give Hayling Islanders more of a choice in their shopping. We are sadly lacking in amenities, so please grant us a new shopping experience without having to drive to Tesco/Waitrose/Lidl/Marks and Spencer/Morrisons/Asda.

Protesters complain loudly about retaining the "Rural Heritage" of Hayling Island. With so many fields lost to new houses, how can they? And all the new residents need a choice in shopping locally without having to run the uncertain gauntlet of the slow traffic-clogged Havant Road.

I am greatly in favour of the Lidl food store.

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Mrs J S Mitchell.

Mrs J S Mitchell