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Dear Mr Oliver,

Re: Proposed Lidl Food Store, Hayling Island

I am pleased to hear that Lidl will be bringing one of their delightful stores to Hayling Island for many reasons:

- 1) We are a diverse community here on Hayling and the residents vary from the very old to the very young. We also have many people in all of these age groups who are struggling to afford to purchase food items from our other local stores as the prices are often quite high. Lidl offers affordable well priced food stuffs and I believe this will help a large number of our Hayling residents. There will also be more choice and variety available to us as residents here on our own Island.
- 2) I am a local Business Director, my company is based on Hayling and I am also a resident. Having a larger food shopping outlet and parking would help reduce the traffic on and off the Island and encourage more shoppers to stay on Hayling. Many local residents already shop in Lidl off of the Island and this will make shopping more accessible for them and keep traffic off our already busy roads here on Hayling. Congestion, I feel will not be affected. We already have large commercial lorries delivering to other national stores on the island, a couple more will make no difference at all. Commercially our Island is strong and this will continue to bring commercial vehicles and lorries to our island.
- 3) The area of land which has been proposed for the site of the new Lidl store has been left empty for years for as long as I can remember, other than a few horses at one time. This does of course bring wildlife opportunities as I see there is an objection from a 'Geese Group'. I am a wildlife friend and would not willingly make wildlife homeless, but we are a growing community and we must share our wildlife areas with new developments.

Currently, I feel, this area is probably run wild with rats - an increasing problem in the Hayling community recently. By the site being maintained by Lidl we should expect these problems to be environmentally managed therefore decreasing the rat population and at the same time keeping trees and bushes to encourage the already existing wildlife to share the same spaces with us. We are so lucky here on Hayling as we have so many loved, well cared for and managed areas for our wildlife. This proposed area for the Lidl development however is unmanaged and not maintained. The Lidl store will change this.

- 4) Hayling for years has been home to the elderly and retired by majority. In recently we have seen more housing development from the housing association. This has brought more families and couples and young people to our community. These people need choices and variety and simplicity. Most of these families fall into the minimum wage/living wage category and this often means they need to budget shop.
- 5) Lidl are also creating the opportunity for numerous jobs. This will help many Island residents who working with the Job Club on Hayling are seeking suitable permanent employment to support their families

Overall, I feel, as I have previously said that we are a large, diverse community here on Hayling. I feel that as different as we all are we all have different needs and requirements from our community and these needs can be catered for.

I feel that if we all work together we can rehome/redirect wildlife to other equally safe places here and all our needs can be met at the same time.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter in support of the new Lidl Development.

Yours sincerely,



Melanie Murphy

Hayling resident,

Mum to 4

Grandparent to 2

and Business Owner