

PLANNING APPLICATION APP/17/00656

Proposed Lidl food store on Hayling Island

**I strongly object to the building of a food store at this site
for the following reasons:**

- 1) The building proposed would mean yet another loss of an invaluable and ever decreasing green field site.
- 2) The proposed development is well away from any of Hayling's existing retail and commercial areas. The noise and disturbance generated by a large store would have an adverse effect on those living nearby and tourists at the adjacent camping site.
- 3) The site at Manor Rd/Church Rd is adjacent to a roundabout which is the busiest junction on the Island. The large car park included in the development would suggest that large numbers of cars are expected to visit the store. The A3023 is already overloaded with traffic and there is often gridlock at this junction at peak holiday times. If shoppers are attracted from Havant, and beyond, the traffic situation would worsen. Large delivery lorries and waste collection vehicles would also add to traffic congestion.
- 4) If Lidl is claiming that it will offer more choice to Islanders then inevitably existing stores will lose trade. The island is already well served by the Co-Op, Tesco, Sainsbury's and several independent food outlets. Lidl claims it will create local jobs but this could well be at the expense of a loss of jobs in the stores we already have.
- 5) The rural, historic and visual aspect of the site would be lost forever. At this junction we have the Manor house, Pound Corner, a Victorian built school and habitat for Brent geese, All are important to Hayling Island's heritage and a prefabricated, warehouse type of building would not be appropriate at this site.
- 6) If this application is approved it could lead to further applications for commercial development in other green field sites adjacent to the A3023.

Lidl make so many claims as to how Islanders would benefit from their store. However, their main aim is to make financial gain from such a development at the expense of the loss of another piece of our ever diminishing green space,

Signed

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