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Via Planning Portal

Dear Sir/Madam

**On behalf Lidl UK GmbH,
Planning Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 at Lidl,
Somborne Drive, Havant, PO9 5BH - Variation of Delivery Hours**

I am instructed by Lidl UK GmbH to submit the enclosed planning application which seeks a variation of Condition 10 of Planning Permission 06/71971/001 (granted 21st March 2007) to extend the time deliveries can be made to the store.

The application comprises the following:

- Application form;
- Site Location Plan (Drawing Reference: JPW0814-001); and
- Decision Notice for Planning Permission 06/71971/001

A cheque for the requisite planning application fee of £195.00 has been sent in the post.

The details of the proposal are outlined below.

Proposal

Condition 10 of planning permission 06/71971/001 currently restricts delivery hours as follows:

"Deliveries shall only be taken and/or dispatched from the site between the hours of 07:00 and 21:00 Mondays to Saturdays and 09:00 and 17:00 on Sundays and Bank Holidays."

This application now seeks to extend the delivery hours on Sundays and Bank Holidays to be consistent with those for Mondays to Saturdays. As such, the following amended wording is proposed for the condition:

"Deliveries shall only be taken and/or dispatched from the site between the hours of 07:00 and 21:00 on any day."



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The store is access via a single vehicle access point off Somborne Drive with deliveries undertaken along the eastern elevation of the building where a designated loading bay is located.

Need for the proposal

Lidl wish to extend delivery hours on Sundays and Bank Holidays to match the existing and permitted delivery hours on Mondays to Saturdays in order to improve flexibility to service their store over a longer period which will allow a more efficient delivery operation. Deliveries come some distance from Lidl's regional distribution hub and with ever increasing congestion on the road network a wider delivery window is required. The number of deliveries that will normally take place each day is not expected to change, with the extended hours being sought to provide greater flexibility.

Planning Policy Support

In considering this application regard should be had to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which was published on 28th March 2012. The NPPF states that the Government is committed to securing economic growth in order to create jobs and prosperity, and to ensuring that the planning system does everything it can to support sustainable economic growth. Planning is expected to encourage and not act as an impediment to sustainable growth, and significant weight should therefore be placed on the need to support economic growth through the planning system (paragraphs 18-19).

The NPPF further advises that LPAs are, inter alia, required to proactively encourage economic growth, support existing business sectors, take account of whether businesses are expanding or contracting and develop flexible policies to respond to changes in circumstances. In this respect it is germane that the Lidl store is a well-established and popular shopping destination located within a District Local Centre, serving the needs of its residents.

Finally the NPPF (paragraph 14) explains that *"At the heart of the National Planning Policy Framework is a presumption in favour of sustainable development, which should be seen as a golden thread running through both plan-making and decision-taking"*.

Impact on Residential Amenity

In considering the acceptability of this application to extend the delivery hours at the store the main planning issue is likely to be the potential effect that the additional hours might have on the amenity of nearby residential properties. In this respect, the nearest residential properties are those located in Fawnhope Rest Home to the east and on Billy Lawn Avenue to the northeast of the site. At its nearest point Fawnhope Rest Home is 22m from the store's loading bay and there are substantial mature trees and hedgerows between the Rest Home, the properties on Billy Lawn Avenue and the loading bay, which provide both visual screening and noise attenuation. It is considered therefore that the potential for disturbance from delivery vehicles is minimal and, indeed, we are not aware of any disturbance having been caused by the existing delivery arrangements.

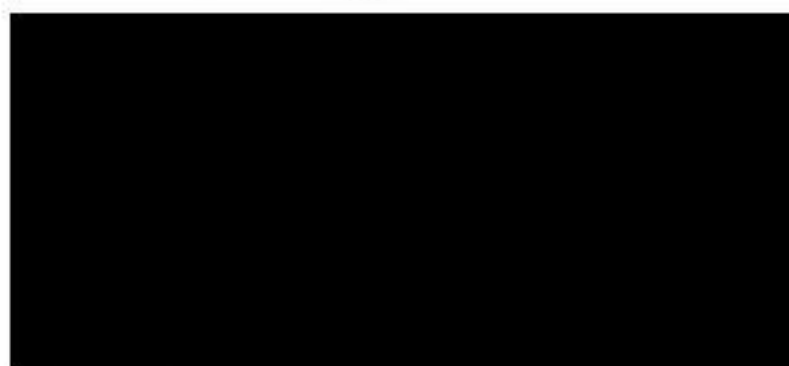
Conclusion

In conclusion, Lidl requires the flexibility to service their over a longer period in order to allow more efficient store operation. In seeking this extension of delivery hours it should be noted that the number of delivery vehicles visiting the site will not change and for the reasons set out above we do not anticipate any adverse impact on residential amenity.

I trust that the application is in order and I look forward to receiving confirmation that it has been validated and a receipt for the application fee. Please do not hesitate to contact me should wish to discuss the above or if you require any additional information.



Yours faithfully,



Chris Tookey

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