

North Landing

Marine Walk

Hayling Island

PO11 9PQ

18th September 2017.



Dear Sir

I am writing in support of the Planning Application number APP/17/00656 for the proposed Lidl Food Store on Hayling Island.

Hayling Island is no more a small village – it has become a concrete jungle with major housing estates being built on so many open spaces in the past twenty year or so. The infra structure has not kept pace with this increase of people and cars and this applies to shops as well. We have 2 of the major supermarket chains at present on the island. The Co-op shelves are half empty so much of the time the excuse being they cannot choose their delivery times and as a result their store's delivery is later in the day (larger stores are given preference according to the manager). Also their prices compared to their stores on the mainland are higher. Why should we be penalised for living where we do.

The second store in Mengham which is Sainsbury's is in the main thoroughfare and therefore parking is impossible most of the day which means only small amounts which can be carried can be bought. So where do we do our larger shopping?

The statement that it will bring congestion to our roads seems a very weak excuse. I would imagine there will be virtually no people travelling on to the Island to shop in the new store as Havant has its fair share of large supermarkets which means it will only be local shopping there. If locals are shopping there that means less traffic actually on the roads leaving the Island !!

It seems to me we are always the poor relation of the Borough. The council are always very quick to allow more and more and more housing so it would be nice for a change to allow a building that actually we need.

With over 15,000 people living on Hayling (I believe that is the latest approx figure) surely the fact that a mere 100 people have objected cannot sway your decision.

Hayling is no longer the green and beautiful countryside it once was. How many people actually walk past the green field in question to gaze at its beauty? There will always be people who try to block progress simply because they are not far sighted enough to see what would be good for the area. I hope this proposal is passed.

Yours faithfully

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