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Dear Louise

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Kind Regards

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Good afternoon

Please could you provide me with your home address so that your objection to the above application may be considered.

Thanks.

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Dear Sirs

I wish to file an objection to the granting of a licence to a proposed Lidl store at the subject location on the following grounds:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm
- public safety

Whilst it has been brought to the public attention that the location of the store is by a new housing estate, significant attention has not been brought to the public attention that the location is within 250 metres of the entrance to a foot bridge crossing the A174 dual carriageway along with a road bridge directly next to the proposed site. Said footbridge leads directly into Hemlington which has one of the higher crime rates in Middlesbrough and the provision of cheaper than average alcohol, which is found in a typical Lidl store, could increase the number of instances of such crime and disorder, both in Hemlington and in the neighbouring estates to the Lidl. The security measures put in place on the Lidl site would not mitigate against these issues.

The green spaces around in the area around the Lidl are not council adopted land, but covered by a management company which charges the residents of the estate a yearly management fee based on the work to be carried out on the land. If damage is caused to this green space by way of public nuisance, resulting from the cheap sales of alcohol, this will directly cost the local residents increased management fees for any remedial works to the land. Again, Lidl is unable to mitigate against such measures unless Middlesbrough council is willing to adopt the green space close to the site.

In terms of the protection of children from harm and public safety. There have previously been a number of instances where litter or other debris have been thrown from the footbridges over the A174 causing damage to passing vehicles. The building of a Lidl which residents of Hemlington could access via a footbridge over the A174 significantly increases the risk of empty alcohol containers being thrown from this footbridge causing damage to vehicles and potentially putting children at risk of harm or in the worst instances death. Significant infrastructure has already been put in place to make the footbridge more accessible to the Lidl site so it is clear that there is intent for clientele to use this crossing, despite the obvious danger.

It should be noted that there are no other instances of a licenced supermarket being in such close proximity to a footbridge over the A174 at any other point. I would suggest it is for the above reasons that this is and should remain the case. The closest like for like example is the Tesco petrol filling station at the Blue Bell roundabout. However, the closest crossing points for the A174 are an underpass located at Finchley Court or the Road bridge at the A1032. Both of these instances are less of a danger of the above issues as the road bridge is less attractive to cross on foot due to the numerous busy roads pedestrians would have to cross, even with the bridge and the underpass for self-explanatory reasons.

It should also be noted that the area of this Tesco petrol filling station has one of the highest crime rates in the Middlesbrough area. This suggests that the above concerns of increased crime, disorder and public nuisance are not just hypothetical concerns, but genuine. This combined with the additional risk of harm to children and public safety, if even only a 1% increase in the risk (though I suspect it to be higher), due to potential debris being thrown at cars from the footbridge suggests such a licence application should be refused.

Kind Regards

Chris Horner

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