

Comments for Planning Application 142775/FO/2025

Application Summary

Application Number: 142775/FO/2025

Address: Lidl Food Store 263 Wilmslow Road Manchester M14 5LN

Proposal: Erection of discount food store (Use Class E) with associated car parking and landscaping.

Case Officer: Steven McCoombe

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The proposed design is very poor and fails to respond to the context of the setting and location.

MCC's Core Strategy Policy T1 and TfGM's Travel Choices Strategy promote lower car use and more sustainable travel. Furthermore, evidence shows that 51.1% of people within a 1km radius of the proposed development do not own a car or van in their household. The high level of car parking within the proposed design conversely promotes car use - the exact opposite of these policies, and inappropriate for the area.

Policy DC14 of the Core Strategy, along with the Greater Manchester Active Travel Design Guide, requires active, pedestrian-friendly frontages. Indeed, the site is highly accessible by walking, cycling, and public transport, including many students and professionals alike who use the corridor route daily - and yet the proposal opts to make people cross a car park before reaching the shop frontage.

MCC has a target of achieving zero carbon by 2038 - a target that becomes less achievable with every planning approval for this type of low-density, car-centric design.

Examples of how these policies should be achieved are the Sainsburys at 347 Wilmslow Road - or one of Lidl's other properties at 3-4 Wilmslow Road. There is an opportunity here for Lidl to propose an appropriate design for the setting, and this application does not provide an approvable answer.