

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: I object to this proposal on the following planning grounds:

Poor Active Frontage

By designing the site such that the building is set behind a large car park, a dead street edge will be created, increasing risk to pedestrians by forcing them to walk across a car park. This breaches Core Strategy Policy DC14 and the GM Streets for All Guide, which require active, pedestrian-friendly frontages. Good examples of this are the existing Lidl Supermarket on 3-4 Wilmslow Road and the Sainsbury's Supermarket in Fallowfield.

Excessive Parking in a Sustainable Location

The site has good access to walking, cycling, and public transport. Approximately 50% of local residents do not have access to a car and any new development should be built for the local area and not generate car trips (and associated pollution) by those living further away.

Separately, this location is already prone to high vehicle numbers (which in turn impacts public transport reliability) and further generation of traffic will no doubt increase these issues. High parking provision conflicts with Policy T1 and TfGM's Travel Choices Strategy, which promote reduced car use and sustainable travel.

Climate and Place-Making Conflict

The car-dominated layout undermines Manchester's zero-carbon 2038 target and place-making aims in the Local Plan Issues Consultation 2020.

The scheme should be redesigned to reduce parking, bring the building to the street edge, and prioritise active travel.