

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: Lack of Active Frontage

The proposed building is set back behind a large car park, resulting in an inactive street edge. This design contradicts Core Strategy Policy DC14 and the GM Streets for All Guide, both of which promote active, pedestrian-friendly frontages. In contrast, the Lidl supermarket at 3-4 Wilmslow Road provides a positive example of such frontage.

Overprovision of Parking in a Well-Connected Location

Given the site's strong access to walking, cycling, and public transport options, the high level of car parking is inappropriate. It conflicts with Policy T1 and Transport for Greater Manchester's Travel Choices Strategy, which encourage sustainable travel and reduced car dependency.

Conflict with Climate Goals and Place-Making Principles

The car-focused layout undermines Manchester's 2038 zero-carbon target and runs counter to the place-making ambitions set out in the Local Plan Issues Consultation (2020).

Recommendation

The scheme should be redesigned to reduce parking provision, move the building closer to the street edge, and prioritise active travel modes.