

Comments for Planning Application 135647/FO/2022

Application Summary

Application Number: 135647/FO/2022

Address: 550 Mauldeth Road West Manchester M21 7AA

Proposal: Erection of a new Lidl foodstore (Use Class E) with associated car parking and landscaping

Case Officer: Jennifer Connor

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 am writing to share our concerns regarding the planning of the Lidl supermarket in Chorlton.

Whilst we fully support the need and provision of a 'budget' supermarket in our community, it would be remiss if we did not share our concerns regarding traffic along Nell Lane and Mauldeth Road West, and the impact on our students.

The traffic in these areas is already a significant concern for the school. Over recent years we have worked with our local residents, councillors and Manchester City Council to look at behaviour change and support practical traffic calming measures.

In this area, specifically around the crossroads of Mauldeth Road West and Nell Lane there are 3 large schools (Chorlton High School, Loreto High School and Chorlton Park Primary School), with a further school less than 500m away on the same road (CHS South). This means that there are over 5,000 children and young people accessing their schools each day via this route.

Our concerns are specifically about the risks that are posed to these young people, primarily in terms of their physical safety, and secondly from the risk of an increase in air pollution.

Of particular concern is:

- The proposed entrance from Nell Lane.

- o This is an extremely difficult point close to the junction with Mauldeth Road West. It is already extremely busy, as it has significant traffic and the Metrolink line crosses the junction which in turn effects the traffic flow.

- o Over recent years we have had to respond to several accidents on Nell Lane, including some by the proposed entrance.
- o Nell Lane is also used as a 'rat run' by traffic avoiding Chorlton main roads. We are extremely concerned that the development would exacerbate this situation.
- o The current traffic entrance to the 'Lowry House' site is a shared access to Hough End Hall. On certain times of the week this access route is incredibly busy and the entrance becomes very congested. This would need to be well managed as part of the planning process.

- The traffic in and out of the Lidl site at key times of the day.

o The traffic at the start and end of the school day is already far too busy. As a school we have been working hard to discourage this, and to promote active independent travel of our students. The proposal of a large car park in Lidl would counteract this and could encourage parents to use the store at these key times.

o At worst parents could possibly make use of the carpark without accessing the store. An appropriate management strategy would need to be considered as part of the planning process.

o In addition to this we have concerns about the impact of commercial vehicles delivering / accessing the Lidl site. Designs for delivery arrangements would need to consider ensuring that delivery access was carefully designed to ensure that there were no risks to students as they travelled to and from school.

We understand that this development is in the planning stages and we would urge you to take these factors into consideration at this stage.

Yours faithfully,

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