

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 support the development in principle but I have objections to some of the detailed proposals.

I feel that the importance of Hough End Hall, grade 2 listed and its environs, dating from 1596, are undervalued and in the design and access submission the photographs make out that it is a ruin. So much more can be done on the development site to improve the present terrible environment for this outstanding building and its environs. The access road to the Hall appears to be within the development site but there is no recognition of this in the proposal.

Yes there is great benefit to the Hall and its environs to have the present office block facing Mauldeth Road West demolished but more could be done to establish a better environment to the front of the Hall through landscaping. I would like to ask the Council to insist on tree planting along this access road to create an improved setting. Also the large historic beech tree in front of the Hall must be protected and its environment enhanced. This tree is of the utmost importance to the Hall's setting and ought to be listed itself if it is not. I could not find any reference to this tree in the planning proposal. It is not within the development site but it will be affected by what happens on it. So, please insist on protection of this tree and please require a better landscaping scheme with trees along the access road in front of the Hall. The development proposal calls the Hall a mosque but it is also an academy and not only a mosque. It is of community importance.

Finally I want to register my worries about the impact upon traffic in Sandy Lane which is in effect a single track road when all the residents' cars are parked along it. An increase in traffic on Sandy Lane will make it very time consuming to leave my house and I hope that some solution to this problem will be found.