

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 object to the development on several grounds:

Safety:

The redesign of the car park doesn't appear to have any fencing or barrier to protect children from running into the car park. Currently there is a tall fence that does this.

Clean air:

The site is "10 metres" from an AQMA zone (literally the other side of the pavement). I'm sure the developers have found the models they need to demonstrate that worsening of air quality will only be "negligible" - but Greater Manchester's strategy isn't to have "only negligible effects" it's to be net zero by 2038. You cannot deny that it will make it more difficult to improve the air, even if it's difficult to demonstrate specific deterioration. The Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 aims to improve air quality, not "only have negligible impact".

Transport and traffic:

The other side of Chorlton has seen extensive consultation (https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations_and_surveys/8077/manchester_to_chorlton_cycleway_area_3_consultation/3) and research about low traffic zones and cycleways. And yet on this side of Chorlton we build a supermarket with an 85 space car park? It seems very hypocritical and suggestive of lip service to climate improvements. Sandy Lane already struggles with traffic and has tested adding planters to stop traffic altogether.

The Screening Opinion document states that "Potential longer-term impacts through the increase in traffic, noise and pollution relating to the operational phase can be reduced through

development design, and encouragement of use of public transport. " - but it doesn't specify how it will encourage use of public transport. Is that someone's else's job? How specifically will this site encourage public transport, because the 85 space car park suggests the opposite?

Furthermore, as far as I can see, the proposed amendments to the Nell Lane access only consider articulated lorry access, I don't see any pedestrian or cyclist-first safe access? The application is full of maps about public transport, and yet the site only proposes access for ten bikes and doesn't appear to have safe cycle entry or pedestrian paths.

Thank you