



Planning Services  
Wychavon District Council  
Civic Centre  
Queen Elizabeth Drive  
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FAO Gavin Greenhow

Dear Mr Greenhow

**Objection to Planning Application Ref 19/00241/FUL  
Temporary car park, Lidl, Evesham.**

We wish to register an initial objection to this application, pending discussions with the developer and a representative of the Local Planning Authority.

The submitted scheme and its justification is deficient for the following reasons:

1. It will result in two separate accesses for parking for the supermarket. This would lead to a sub-standard arrangement as it will lead to confusion in the mind of the driver about which access to use. If a driver arrives in the existing car park to find it full, they would have to leave the car park, drive across Port Street, up to the roundabout and then via Broadway Road into the new car park, causing further turning movements in an already busy section of highway.
2. Exiting the access onto Broadway Road would be dangerous, as there are parked cars just east of the access point and a road that bends away to the right, resulting in very limited visibility. Also, there is a bus stop very near the access point. Turning right up Broadway Road would be even worse than turning out of the existing exit as the exit speeds from the roundabout under acceleration can be high. There is no provision for pedestrians crossing the exit. It will make crossing Broadway Road at the existing dropped kerb point even more difficult.
3. There is no justification in the Planning Statement for this temporary arrangement. It is well known in planning circles that temporary planning permissions can easily be changed to permanent ones, thus this development must be assessed as if it were to be a permanent arrangement.
4. The accident data I believe omits a recent crash into a car exiting Lidl about a month ago.
5. The justification for a separate car park is based on the contention that 'it is not possible to provide a vehicular link road between the car park with the existing store as the level difference to the land to the south is considered to be too great' (paragraph 1.21 of the report by SCT). I have carried out a site visit and it appears that there is room at the rear of the store to provide such a link and that there is NO significant level difference. The space is currently a landscaped area (grass and shrubs) with little amenity value. By providing an internal link, the problems itemised above would be removed.

It should be noted that the Planning Permission 16/01915/PN for the redevelopment of the existing and application site to provide a larger store was granted on the basis of a single access point onto Port Street. It should also be noted that the permission granted in 2015 for



A1/A5 units (not implemented and now lapsed), using the Broadway Road access, did not anticipate the level of traffic that the supermarket now generates and, in any event, it was for a separate use entirely, thus there would have been no conflict between the two access points.

It is acknowledged that the supermarket requires more parking spaces. It would be helpful to members of the Civic Society if a site meeting could be arranged, with Lidl's representative, yourself, the local councillor and at least one representative of this society. If, following this meeting, revised plans are submitted to remove the access onto Broadway Road, this objection would be withdrawn.

I can be contacted on 07801 846049 or [gillandken@pawsons.co.uk](mailto:gillandken@pawsons.co.uk) to receive notification of a site meeting.

Yours sincerely

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