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To: DCAdmin

**Subject:** Planning application: 2020/93308 New Lidl site

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## Good Evening,

I am a current resident of Salendine Nook so will directly benefit from the Lidl store being built .I feel it will be of great benefit of the community and know from being a member of many local groups know that the feeling amongst us all is mutual.

The previous application was mainly refused due to a massive campaign that was operated by the owners who paid people to stand in the current shopping centre and get people to sign a petition opposing the new Lidl site, based on there views it would affect the other shops within the shopping centre, which is basically ridiculous as there is a wide mix of different outlets in there which the community use. The owners of the said centre were worried that they would perhaps loose the backing of the massive worldwide known chain "Sainsbury's" who is currently the only geographical grocery shopping experience for people without transport and are unable to travel distance.

I feel that healthy competition offering the community a much more affordable shopping experience would be fabulous, the car parking situation on the Lidl site appears well planned and would not cause excessive traffic build up as is witnessed at the current Salendine nook shopping site, which is often very complex for foot passengers to navigate safely due to the jams that occur regularly through various peak times of the day school times, lunch, dinner and when large articulated vehicles are thrown into the mix in the mainly suburban street that the entrance to Salendine shopping site is situated, I have seen many near miss. The distribution of footfall and vehicles would be more evenly distributed had shoppers the benefit of choice. The new Lidl site would also offer locals the opportunity to gain employment in their local area which would also benefit everyone financially and improve people's prospects during the construction phase of Lidl and when the store eventually opens.

On a more personal level as a non driving individual, and a single mother of 2 chidren, who also works as a nurse at the local hospital. The thought that I could shop daily for fresh affordable produce practically on my doorstep brings joy to my life as in these unprecedented times, I can definitely say I'm feeling it financially and the prices at Sainsbury's make my eyes water at times but with no nearby alternative I simply have no choice after hard 12 HR shift at work and we have no bread for the sandwiches in the morning. I also largely oppose anymore housing development in the area as there is currently a massive strain on the local schools, drs,dentists which are at maximum level occupancy due to their excellent reputation but at the moment more residents and homes is simply not needed !!!!.

I hope my opinions are validated and discussed and this email supporting the new Lidl site is approved

Thank you