From:

To: DCAdmin

Subject: Proposed Lidl Supermarket at Salendine Nook ref 2020/93308

Date: 20 October 2020 20:56:24

Hi

I'd like to add my support behind the proposed supermarket. We were disappointed to see permission declined in December for this long derelict site. The last 6 months have taught us that shopping locally is essential - had the Lidl been there already we would not have had to travel to other Lidls!

We use Sainsburys alot, and intend to do so just as much should the new store be built. It is disappointing that the landlords of the Salendine Shopping Centre claim it will affect their tenants' businesses - most people we talk to think it won't. The landlords spearheaded the opposition leading to December's verdict and we know for a fact that people who signed their petition did so genuinely thinking that the shopping centre would close.

The car park at Salendine Shopping Centre is cramped and not a good place to get in or get out. The premises themselves have been neglected for years, with the fabric of the building needing attention (especially when it rains heavily!). The landlords concern about a Lidl opening down the road would highlight the higher quality build and car park of a competitor, with their anchor tenant (Sainsburys) no doubt cheesed off that they can't have a similar store. So they'll want a rent reduction.

I honestly hope that a new Lidl opening nearby will be a "shot in the arm" for the shopping centre, perhaps even renovation or replacing the building and car park!

So, basically I support the Lidl application and would urge the committee to consider carefully the above and support it too.

Thanks for reading