

About the application

Application number: 2020/93308	
What is the application for?:	Erection of foodstore (Use Class E) with associated parking, servicing areas and
Address of the site or building:	Former Spotted Cow Pub, New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4BU
Postcode:	

User comments

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<p>After much thought and deliberation, I would welcome the addition of this proposed supermarket in the area.</p> <p>I feel it will help alleviate multiple traffic problems in the area, reduce vehicle pollution, provide much need jobs, and remove the eyesore that is currently on the site.</p> <p>Currently there is a small Sainsbury's that serves the local community. It is part of a shopping complex which contains a florist, estate agent, pharmacy, doctor's surgery, cafe, taxi rank, two takeaways , hairdresser, and other businesses.</p> <p>During busier times in the day, traffic spills out over from the car park that serves the shopping complex. There is a bus stop on a side road next to the car park, the side road connects to the main road. When a bus pulls over when it's busy and the traffic is overflowing from the car park, it causes almost gridlock on the main road and side road (New Hey Road and Moor Hill Road respectively) . This has only got worse over the years with the mass creation of new housing in Salendine Nook, Lindley, Longwood and Golcar.</p> <p>The addition of a new local supermarket will help to alleviate that traffic issue, meaning that people have a another choice when it comes to shopping at a supermarket, so they won't necessarily pile in to the Sainsbury's car park despite it being overwhelmed. I feel that it will help the other businesses and services in the complex because their patrons will actually be able to park up to shop and use their services as there will naturally be more parking spaces available.</p> <p>Around the area where the store is proposed, there is a school/college nearby. Although there is provision for picking up students at the school/college, the new parking at the store will be able to provide overflow parking of sorts, thereby alleviating the potential for congestion. It will also reduce road usage as people will be able to go shopping closer to the school/college and pick their children up at the same time, rather than driving further away and/or at another time to do shopping.</p> <p>Having a local Lidl supermarket means people will be less inclined to travel further afield to shop at their preferred store that may be some distance away - Lidl's closest</p>

stores are in the centre of Huddersfield and Aspley (3 miles away), Brighouse (5 miles away). People who live close to the proposed store will walk, rather than drive up the road or to town to get groceries, which can only be a good thing.

Due to the pandemic, I feel the proposed supermarket will be a welcomed asset to the community. There will be more places to source groceries if stocks get low, and the creation of good quality jobs will be appreciated. Lidl pay well compared to a lot of other companies in retail and having extra jobs locally can only be a good thing considering that unemployment figures are rising and lots of businesses are folding.

Reading through the assessments done for the application, I have felt reassured that the construction will be done properly. They have considered noise and have proposed erecting acoustic fencing. They are aware of a culvert and intend to do a thorough investigation, they are going to do away with invasive rhododendrons and provide nesting/roosting areas for bats, sparrows and starlings. The easily visible elevations of the building are intended to be built of stone to match the local area which is also good.

Probably the most obvious benefit this development would have would be to remove that ghastly derelict building that was the Spotted Cow public house. The building is far beyond feasible repair and has been a place for anti-social behaviour. Redevelopment of the site cannot come soon enough.

I understand the area is recorded in the local development plan for housing under HS33 and HS38, but it's been five years (so it's run out of time) since outline application 2015/90452 was approved on appeal for HS33 and no subsequent application has been submitted for the housing to be built. That previous application proposed the building of two, three and four-bed houses - housing which for most people is expensive and unaffordable. HS38 has no planning applications submitted on it for any housing. In lieu of there being any development proposals for housing, I think that the proposed superstore should go ahead, to get rid of the eyesore, ease the traffic problems, create jobs and help serve the rest of the new housing that's been and is still being created in the area.