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Planning Department  
Kirklees Council

Via email.

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Dear Mr Walker

## **Lidl Planning Application 2020/62/93308/W**

We have been monitoring the planning application by Lidl at the former Spotted Cow on New Hey Road on behalf of our clients ALDI. As you are aware, the previous application on the Spotted Cow site (2019/91433) was determined at the same planning committee as an application for a new ALDI store on New Hey Road in December 2019 (2019/91656).

The application was refused on three grounds including the fact that the site is a housing allocation, and consequently the development would be contrary to the provisions of the development plan. The Local Plan was adopted in 2019 and the position has not changed, we therefore cannot see any reason why the Council would support development of this site for a supermarket.

We have noticed that there are many letters of support for the application from residents. Several of these cite the lack of retail choice and competition in the local area. The introduction of the ALDI store will address this deficiency. ALDI would like Members to be aware that they remain committed to the delivery of their site and progress is being made. An application for discharge of conditions was made five months ago in August 2020 and we are still waiting for sign off. We have informed the Council that demolition of the existing buildings will be starting in the next few months and our desire to ensure that conditions are fully discharged before starting on site.

We would like to be kept informed of the proposals and reserve the right for ALDI to present to planning committee members.

Yours sincerely,

By email

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