

Appendix 2: Sheerness TC

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Subject: Lidl's, Neat's Court, 22/504598/FULL:
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Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam,

Could we please add the following comments to the planning application.

Lidl's, Neat's Court, 22/504598/FULL:

Council agreed to object

Councillors agreed that Sheerness is an area of high deprivation and will be losing out to job opportunities and development benefits of having low-cost supermarkets within the Sheerness ward. There is no benefit to the population, there is no proposed public transport to enable the high percentage of public in Sheerness who do not drive to access the location. The application will only benefit Minster, Halfway and Queenborough.

Bearing Fruits 2031, policy CP1 it states '7. Avoid proposals that would result in the diminishing of existing employment sites and allocations where appropriately located and suitable, viable for users under normally functioning economic conditions or required to meet the identified needs for the plan period'

The land at West Minster is part of the local plan allocation whereas the proposed location of this application is not. Its location will add congestion to a regularly over crowded area of road which falls down every day on safety to motorists let alone any plan to allow active travel users to access the site from areas such as Sheerness or Rushenden. Areas of more affluence like Minster and Queenborough have the option of car travel. This application in its current form changes the reception to the entire Island and removes low paid work options from the communities that need it most let alone any access argument for the eastern end of the island but that is for their representation to make that case. The application does not go far enough to mitigate the long term affect this and others will have on Sheerness social and economic factors that are already precarious in the area.

Kind Regards

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