

Planning Committee 6 March 2025 - item 2.1 - tabled papers

Tabled Paper 1

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Dear Sir / Madam

With regard to the above planning proposal being heard on 6th March 2025, I would like to remind you all of my backing for the new Lidl Store. Thank you.

I am writing in relation to the proposed Lidl Food Store development. I was overjoyed when the planning had been granted and then very disappointed and frustrated that this was then withdrawn, if Aldi and Tesco could not get their objections in prior to the planning being granted then I'm afraid they should of been told it was too late. The fact that the planning office then decided to quash it is also disgusting, there are rules and time lines in place for a reason!

As a resident of Minster (near the community hospital) I would like my opinion heard, it is not always easy to get into Sheerness by car during the early morning school traffic or later in the afternoon to shop at the large supermarkets, likewise driving to Neats Court during these times can take longer than it should do. Walking is not an option either as there is no direct safe way of getting to Morrisons due to a lack of footpath and pedestrian crossings. That's why a Lidl at Cowstead corner is great for the residents of Minster, there is a safe path and the proposed extension of that path to Queenborough corner means easy access for many people that would like to walk. It only takes one road closure or one accident for this island to be gridlocked and I like many others are more than happy to walk to get supplies, Sheerness is a 4 mile walk and Morrisons is probably the same as you need to walk through Queenborough to get there safely. I feel the government and councils are happy to promote exercise but fail to provide the basics of a safe footpath, I never really understood why the lower road footpath ended at Cowstead corner, yes you can walk off the island but have another road without a pedestrian path to get to Iwade. Not only will it give those that want to walk the option there are many young and older residents that don't drive and would choose to walk there rather than using a bus or a taxi, surely this is good for our environment. I am 100% in favour of planning being granted to Lidl.

Please take the time to read my views, Sheppey is not just a place to build more houses we need more facilities, more doctors, secondary grammar school and a new swimming pool to name just a view.

Kind regards

Mrs Lorna Cozens

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