

East Station Goods Yard, Southern Way, Folkestone, CT20 1PW

Statement of Community Involvement for
Lidl Great Britain Limited

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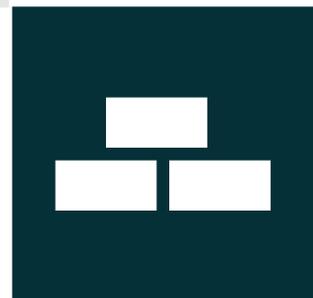


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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Statement of Community Involvement ('SCI') has been prepared by Rapleys LLP ('Rapleys'), on behalf of Lidl Great Britain Limited ('Lidl'), and is submitted in support of a full planning application for the development of a Class E (a) 'deep-discount' retail foodstore and 464 sq.m of floorspace within additional Class E units, with associated parking and access at East Station Goods Yard, Southern Way, Folkestone.
- 1.2 Proposals for the proposed development been subject to pre-application discussions with Planning Officers at Folkestone & Hythe District Council ('the Council'), details of which are set out in Section 3 of this SCI.
- 1.3 The SCI sets the policy context relevant to public consultation, the consultation strategy undertaken by the applicant and its consultant team regarding consultation with local residents and other stakeholders on its proposal for a new store. The results of the consultation process are also provided alongside conclusions from the consultation process.
- 1.4 This SCI should be read alongside the Planning and Retail Statement, and other supporting application documentation.

2 RELEVANT PLANNING CONTEXT

- 2.1 This section sets out the relevant planning context in relation to the requirements for public consultation and community involvement.

LEGISLATION

- 2.2 Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for each local authority to prepare a SCI. The SCI sets out how communities will be engaged, not only in the preparation and revision of local development documents, but also for the consideration of planning applications.
- 2.3 Section 122 of the Localism Act 2011 set out the requirements to carry out pre-application consultation where a person proposes to make an application for planning permission for the development of land. It also identifies a duty to take account of responses to consultation, when proposing to go ahead with submitting an application.

National Planning Policy Framework

- 2.4 National planning policy in relation to pre-application engagement is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework ('NPPF'), published in 2024.
- 2.5 Paragraph 40 recognises that early engagement has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. Good quality pre-application discussion enables better coordination between public and private resources and improved outcomes for the community.
- 2.6 Paragraph 41 states that local planning authorities ('LPA') have a key role to play in encouraging other parties to take maximum advantage of the pre-application stage. Whilst LPAs cannot require that a developer engages with them prior to the submission of a planning application, the take-up of pre-application services is encouraged where it is offered. LPAs should also encourage any applicants - who are not already required to do so by law - to engage with the local community and, where relevant, with statutory and non-statutory consultees, before submitting their applications.
- 2.7 At paragraph 42, it is made clear that the more issues that can be resolved at the pre-application stage, including the need to deliver improvements in infrastructure and affordable housing, the greater the benefits. For their role in the planning system to be effective and positive, statutory planning consultees will need to take the same early, proactive approach, and provide advice in a timely manner throughout the development process. This assists LPAs in issuing timely decisions, helping to ensure that applicants do not experience unnecessary delays and costs.
- 2.8 Furthermore, paragraph 43 specifies that the participation of other consenting bodies in pre-application discussions should enable early consideration of all the fundamental issues relating to whether a particular development will be acceptable in principle, even where other consents relating to how a development is built or operated are needed at a later stage. Wherever possible, parallel processing of other consents should be encouraged to help speed up the process and resolve any issues as early as possible.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council

- 2.9 The Council's SCI was adopted in 2022 and sets out how residents and other stakeholders can get involved in the preparation of planning policies, frameworks and neighbourhood planning processes in the District and also how comments can be made on planning applications received by the Council.
- 2.10 The Council encourages applicants to undertake pre-application engagement, stating:

"Folkestone & Hythe District Council encourages applicants to seek pre-application advice prior to the submission of applications. This can save time, effort and expense during the course of an application for planning permission".

- 2.11 The Council's SCI goes on to encourage applicants for all proposed development to discuss their proposals with those likely to be affected by, or express an interest in, an application and that for larger or particularly sensitive development, applicants are encouraged to consult with the local community before submitting a planning application.
- 2.12 The Council's SCI sets out categories for development that are considered to be particularly sensitive, one of which includes *"major applications that are a departure from the development plan"*. As will be detailed later in this statement, the proposed development is in an out-of-centre location and so it is necessary to demonstrate compliance with the sequential and retail impact tests.
- 2.13 The Council's SCI does not establish particular requirements for the way in which applicants should undertake community engagement, but it does state that applicants should consider how and when consultation and engagement will be carried out and how the needs of equality groups will be considered when running the consultation. It is also established that the applicant should set out the issues raised as a result of the consultation and details of any changes made as a result.
- 2.14 The guidance confirms the importance of early engagement with the Council and the public and sets out that the outcomes of engagement with local communities should be detailed within subsequent planning applications. This Statement of Community Involvement report sets out the approach to community engagement for the proposed development, demonstrates the responses received and details any changes made as a result.

3 CONSULTATION

3.1 This section sets out the steps the applicant took in relation to pre-application engagement with the Council and the local community to inform them of the proposed application and obtain feedback.

ENGAGEMENT WITH FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL

3.2 Prior to submitting the planning application, the applicant undertook pre-application consultation with the Council, which comprised a formal request for written pre-application advice from the Council. The Council's written advice was provided by the Case Officer (Andrew Byrne – Principal Planning Officer) on the 4th April 2025.

3.3 The proposed development for which pre-application advice was sought comprised a retail-led development incorporating a discount foodstore (circa 2,283 sq.m) and either a flat block (13 x 1 and 2 bedroom units) or a smaller commercial unit (circa 465 sq.m).

3.4 The written advice received can be summarised as follows:

- **Principle of Development** – It was identified that as the site is allocated for residential-led development under Policy UA1 of the Local Plan and that, as the proposed development would be retail led, this represents a departure from the development plan. Even if the scheme incorporating the flat block were to be proposed, this would significantly under-deliver on the quantum of housing allocated for the site.
- **Land Use (Retail)** – Policy RL8 of the Local Plan sets out the criteria to assess proposals for main town centre uses that fall outside of existing centres. This includes requirements for a sequential assessment, a retail impact assessment, and a health impact assessment of existing centres likely to be affected. The centres requiring assessment were Folkestone Town Centre and Hawkinge District Centre, and the Council advised that cumulative impacts from consented retail stores needs to be factored into the assessments.
- **Design and Layout** – Although limited information was provided with regard to design and layout at pre-application stage, concerns were raised with regard to the retail unit's positioning away from the road, with the entrance to the site noted as being dominated by the car park. The Council encouraged the applicant to reconsider the layout should so that the building faces the road to provide an active frontage. Concerns were also raised with regard to the positioning of the proposed residential element in a backland location, accessed via a long service road.
- **Highways and Access** – The site was noted as being in close proximity to land designated for the creation of a linear park under Policy RL12. It was suggested that the proposed development has the potential to provide a sustainable link between the site and Harbourside town centre and that these opportunities should be explored.

The Council confirmed that the application should be supported by a Transport Assessment in order to demonstrate likely impacts, and that the car park should meet local standards with regard to EV charging points.

- **Flood Risk** – It was noted that the scheme should be designed to meet sustainable construction standards as set out in Policy CC2, and provide sustainable drainage in accordance with Policy CC3.
- **Archaeology** – The site is noted as being located within an area of archaeological potential.
- **Contamination** – As the site is previously developed land that has been used for industrial purposes, there is a likelihood of contamination being present and so appropriate assessments are required.
- **Other Matters** – The Council operates a Community Infrastructure Levy ('CIL') and the development proposed is noted as being liable. Education and open space contributions would not be covered by CIL and would instead be subject to a S106 Agreement.
- **Conclusion** – It was concluded that the proposal would be contrary to Policy UA1 of the Local Plan (which seeks residential-led development) and as such would be a departure from the development plan. There is likely to be strong resistance to this, unless robust marketing and viability demonstrates that there is no reasonable demand or viable future potential for development of the site for residential purposes. It would need to be demonstrate that a proposed retail development would not have unacceptable impacts on existing centres, in particular Folkestone Town Centre. Concern was also raised about the layout of the scheme, particularly the location of the retail unit away from a

roadside frontage, the car-dominant layout, and the poor location of the flats in the far corner of the site, with a clear direction that this would need to be improved.

ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL COUNCILLORS

3.5 Rapleys, on behalf of Lidl, wrote to the two local councillors (representing the Folkestone Harbour Ward; Councillor Bridget Chapman and Councillor Nicola Keen), on Wednesday 1st October 2025, providing a copy of the consultation leaflet, the proposed site plan, and an offer to meet to discuss the proposals.

3.6 No response was received from either councillor.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

3.7 The applicant also undertook consultation with the local community, which comprised:

- The delivery of 6,300 leaflets to surrounding addresses inviting people to view the proposals online, and to provide feedback via an online questionnaire; and
- A free return postage envelope for providing feedback via post.

3.8 The four-page A5 leaflets were printed in full colour and gave details of the proposed development, including a computer-generated visualisation of an example store and the proposed site plan. The leaflets invited local residents to register their comments online. A copy of the consultation leaflet is provided within **Appendix 1**.

3.9 The methods of consultation described above were considered appropriate given the nature of the proposal to create a new Lidl store, which is likely to generate a significant amount of interest among the local community and other stakeholders.

4 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

4.1 This section provides a summary of comments and responses received through the public consultation exercise, taking into account the online feedback, and phone calls received.

4.2 Responses were invited in the following questions:

- Where do you do the majority of your food shopping?
- In terms of general shopping habits, do you tend to do a regular weekly shop or do you generally prefer to top up throughout the week as required?
- How do you usually travel to your current foodstore?
- Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location?
- What is your overall opinion of the proposed redevelopment of the site?

RESPONSES RECEIVED

4.3 In total, 433 responses to the online survey were received and a further 448 were received via return post. A schedule of the responses received regarding whether respondents support the application or not, and the additional comments given as part of the consultation, is provided within **Appendix 3**.

Question 1: Where do you do the majority of your food shopping?

4.4 A total of 692 responses were provided to this question as respondents were able to choose more than 1 option from the multiple-choice options.

4.5 Figure 1 below displays the responses to question 1, showing that the majority of respondents (255) do the majority of their food shopping at Lidl, followed by Sainsbury's (142) and then Tesco (100).

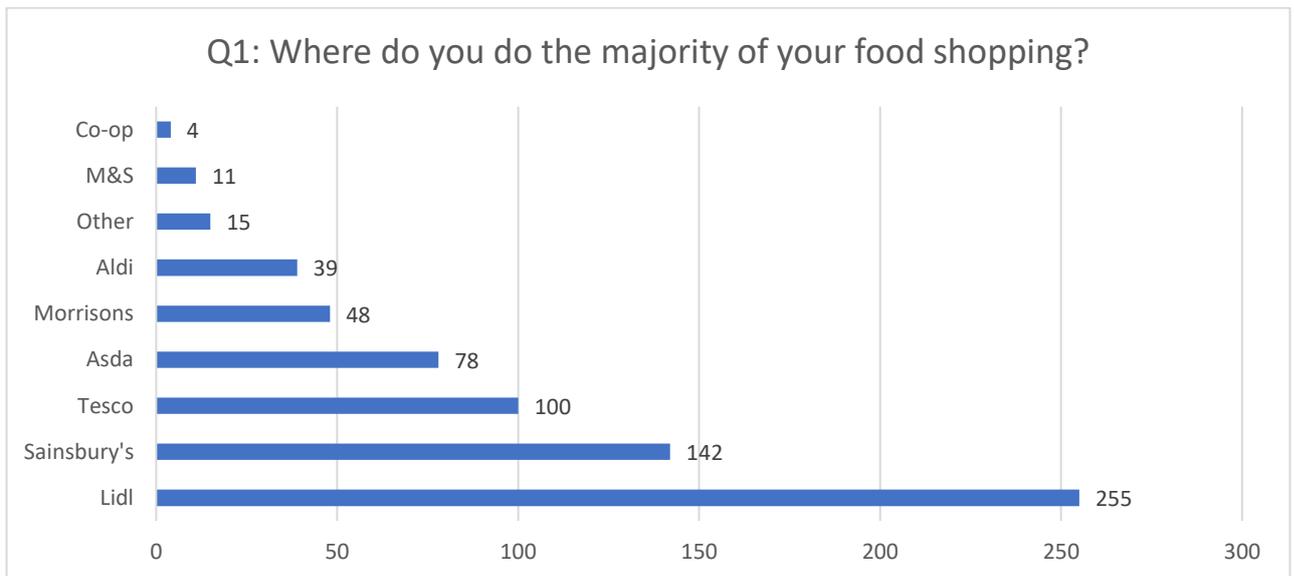


Figure 1. Breakdown of responses to Question 1

Question 2: In terms of general shopping habits, do you tend to do a regular weekly shop or do you generally prefer to top up throughout the week as required?

4.6 A total of 391 respondents answered this question.

4.7 Figure 2 below illustrates that most of the respondents (42%, or 166 individuals) usually do both weekly and top-up shopping. One-third of respondents (33%, or 130 individuals) usually do a weekly shop, and 24% (95 individuals) tend to shop on a top-up basis throughout the week.

Q2: In terms of your shopping habits, do you tend to do a regular weekly shop or do you generally prefer to top up throughout the week as required?

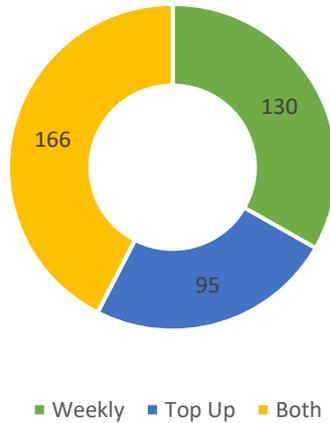


Figure 2. Breakdown of responses to Question 2

Question 3: How do you usually travel to your current foodstore?

4.8 A total of 391 respondents answered this question.

4.9 Figure 3 below indicates that most of the respondents (207 individuals) usually travel by car. 56 individuals walk, and 89 individuals use both the car and walk. 17 individuals indicated they travel by public transport, and 4 individuals indicated cycling, with 18 individuals saying they use other methods of transport.

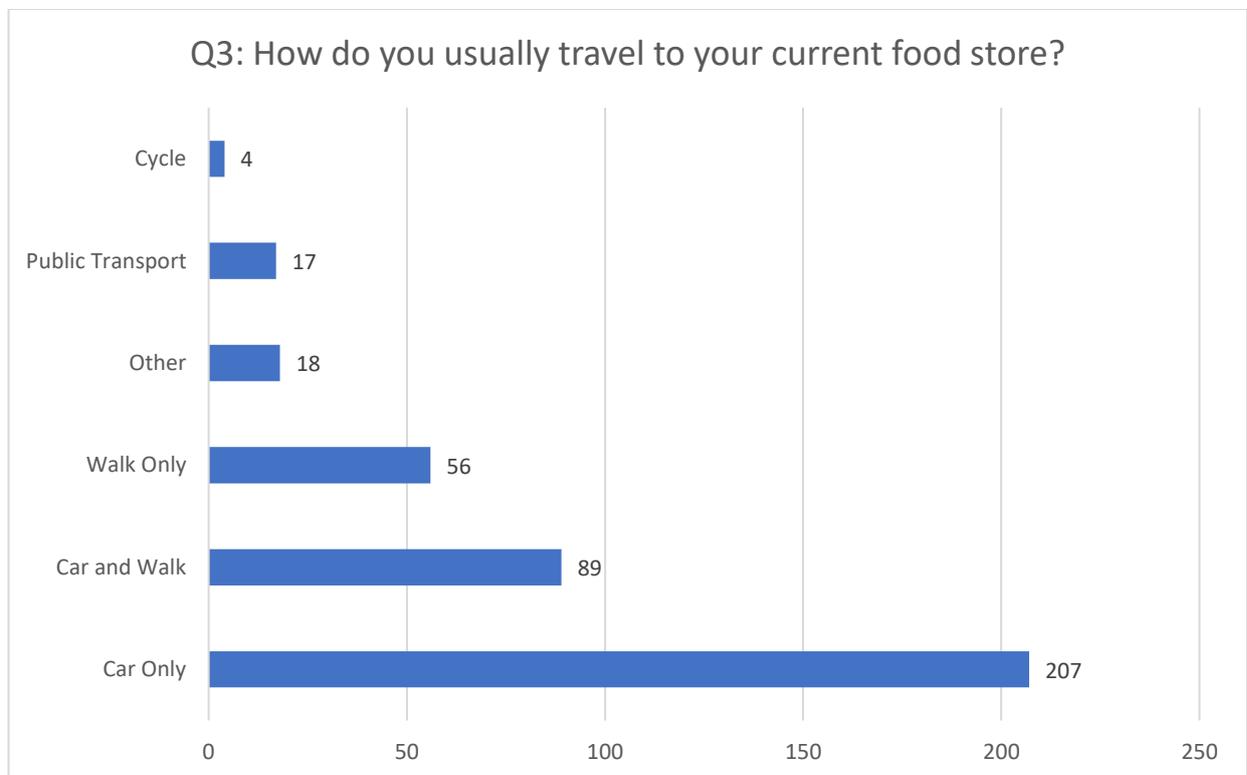


Figure 3. Breakdown of responses to Question 3

Question 4: Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location?

- 4.10 A total of 391 respondents answered this question via the online form, with a further 446 responses received via post. Both the online form responses and responses received via return post, are combined in Figure 4 below.
- 4.11 Figure 4 shows that the majority of respondents (79%, or 659 individuals) are supportive of a new Lidl store in this location. 16% (136 individuals) were not supportive of the Lidl store in this location, and 5% (42 individuals) were undecided.



Figure 4: Breakdown of responses to Question 4

Question 5: What is your overall opinion of the proposed redevelopment of the site?

- 4.12 A total of 390 respondents answered this question.
- 4.13 Figure 5 below shows that the majority of respondents (76%, or 298 individuals) supported the proposed redevelopment of the site, 19% (74 individuals) did not support the proposed redevelopment, and 5% (18 individuals) were undecided.

Q5: What is your overall opinion of the proposed redevelopment of the site?

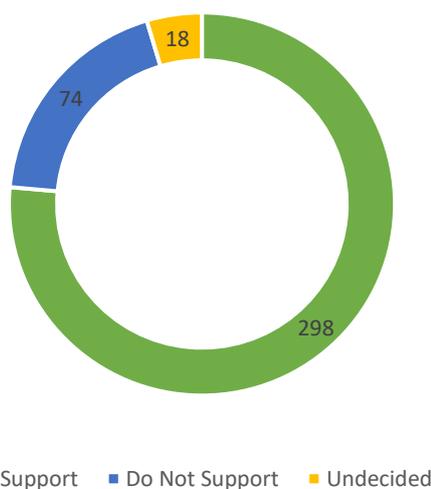


Figure 5: Breakdown of responses to Question 5.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS SECTION

4.14 Residents were provided the opportunity to make general comments on the proposal online. Due to a large volume of feedback received, a selection of comments has been collated which cover the general theme of responses. A schedule of replies received is included within **Appendix 3**.

4.15 In summary, comments were received on the following themes:

- Several comments raised concerns about the accessibility of the site, suggesting a lack of public transport.
- Concerns were also raised surrounding the development's impact on traffic and road safety, including congestion, and pedestrian crossings.
- Comments were supportive of the proposals to redevelop the overall site and considered the proposed development to be a good use of land and to be beneficial for the area.
- Some comments alluded to concerns regarding the loss of green space and the environment.
- The vast majority of the local residents are happy to see the proposed development.
- Several respondents objected to moving the store from the town centre, citing its accessibility and support for the local economy.

4.16 Overall, the proposal was positively received by the local community, with the majority of the respondents strongly supporting the scheme, albeit some concerns/objections were raised.

RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4.17 The consultation exercise received a good response from the local community, which demonstrates support for the principle of the proposed Lidl store.

4.18 In relation to highways and access, a Transport Assessment has been produced in support of the planning application, which demonstrates that the proposal will deliver a safe and suitable access, and will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the local highway network.

4.19 The site is located in a sustainable location and there is real opportunity for residents to travel to the site using sustainable modes of transport, walking, cycling, and using public transport, including several nearby bus stops.

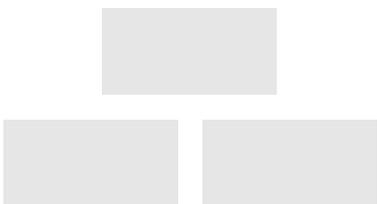
SUMMARY

- 4.20 This SCI has been produced in accordance with Folkestone & Hythe District Council's adopted guidance.
- 4.21 It is considered that the proposed development is accepted and supported by the local community. The responses received clearly demonstrate that the majority of local residents support the proposed development and consider that it will be a benefit to the local area.

5 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 This SCI has been prepared by Rapleys to detail the approach taken to the pre-application consultation in respect of a full planning application for the development of a Class E (a) 'deep-discount' retail foodstore and 464 sq.m of floorspace within additional Class E units, with associated parking and access at East Station Goods Yard, Southern Way, Folkestone.
- 5.2 Given the nature of the proposed development, which has attracted interest from the local community, the comprehensive consultation strategy adopted is considered to be appropriate and inclusive.
- 5.3 It is clear that the principle of development is supported by the local community, and that the content of the planning application reflects the comments made by the Council during the pre-application discussions.
- 5.4 Lidl and its project team will continue to engage with the local community throughout the planning application process.

Copy of Consultation Leaflet



A NEW LIDL FOR FOLKESTONE



Have Your Say

Lidl Great Britain is consulting on plans to relocate its existing store in Folkestone and build a new, improved foodstore on land at East Station Goods Yard, Southern Way, Folkestone.

As part of our commitment to community engagement, we would like to invite local residents and stakeholders to view and comment on our proposal before we finalise and submit a planning application.

This leaflet provides details of our emerging proposals and provides an online link to a website where you can provide your feedback.

Site Background

Lidl is proud to have served the local community for many years from our Shellons Street store and is now looking to deliver a significantly improved shopping experience for local residents.

As the current store is landlocked by surrounding roads and buildings, there is no opportunity to expand the existing site. With customer demand already exceeding our available parking capacity, we are proposing a multi-million-pound investment in a brand-new, purpose-built store at a new location to better serve the community.

Designed to our latest specification, the new store would offer:

- A more spacious and modern sales area;
- Enhanced staff welfare and storage facilities; and
- Sustainability features including roof-mounted solar panels and electric vehicle charging points in the car park.

This investment reflects our ongoing commitment to the area and to providing an even better service to our customers.

The Proposal

To ensure we can deliver our latest and most sustainable store format, with an enhanced range of products and a more efficient shopping experience, we are proposing a multi-million-pound investment in a brand-new, fit-for-purpose Lidl foodstore.

As the existing Lidl store cannot be extended to meet our modern standards, it would be marketed for re-occupation or redevelopment.

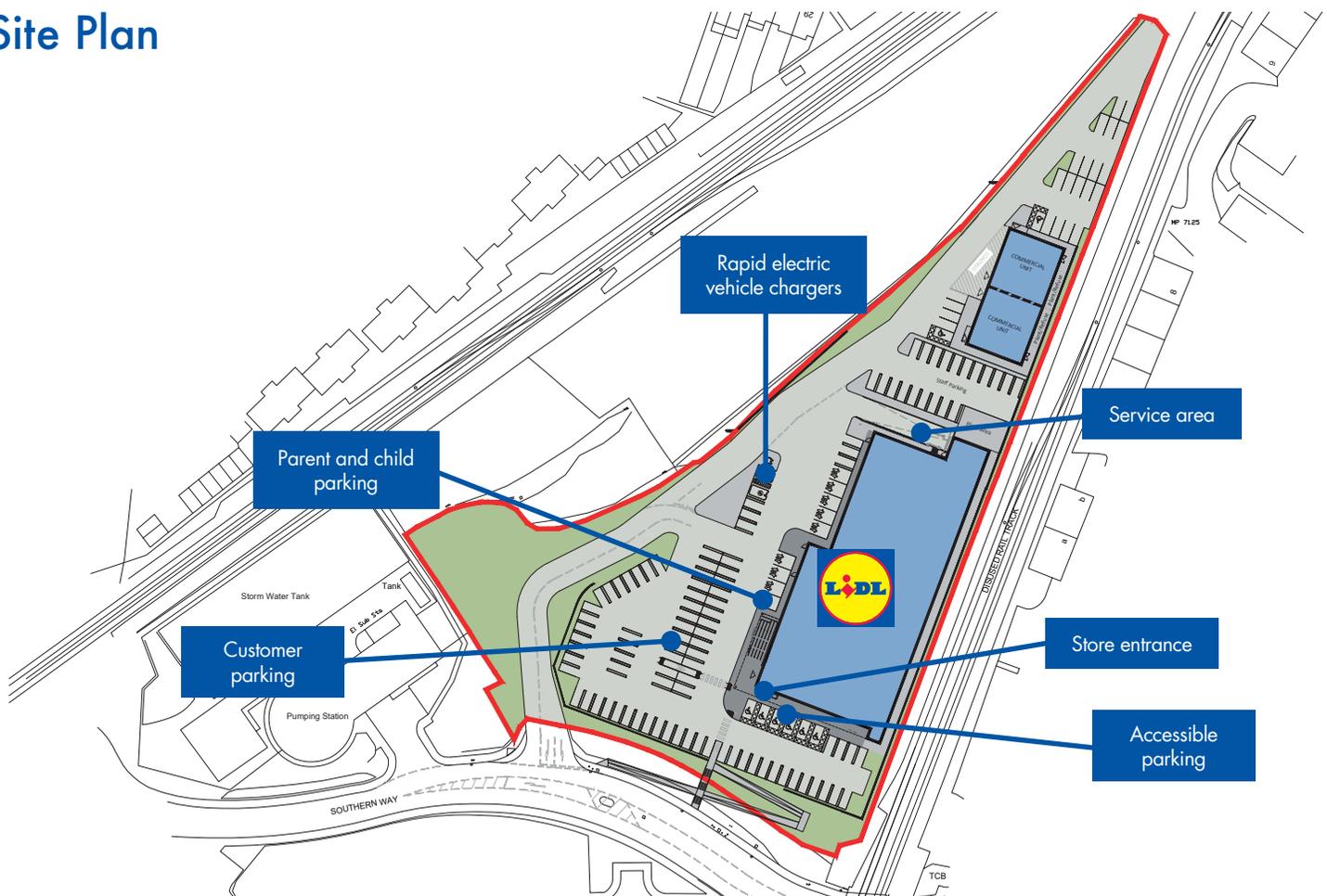
The proposed new store will have a gross internal area of 2,185 sq. m and a net sales area of 1,516 sq. m. The development will be supported by 118 car parking spaces, including 6 disabled spaces, 9 parent & child spaces, 2 electric vehicle charging bays, and 20 staff spaces.

In addition, the wider proposals will include two standalone commercial units, which will be served by 8 dedicated parking spaces, including 2 disabled bays.

Benefits of the Proposed Development

- A brand new, modern Lidl store built to our latest specification, offering a fresh and convenient shopping experience. The store will include popular in-store features such as our customer-favourite bakery and a more spacious sales area with a wide range of quality products;
- Redevelopment of a vacant, brownfield site to enhance the visual appearance of the area and bring the land back into productive use;
- A high-quality landscaping scheme both within the site and along its boundaries, designed to support and enhance local biodiversity;
- A range of sustainable design features, including rapid electric vehicle charging points, roof-mounted solar panels, heat recovery systems, and air source heat pumps to reduce the store's environmental footprint; and
- Creation of new local jobs, including both full-time and part-time roles. Lidl's hourly pay rate for store colleagues starts at a minimum of £13.00 per hour, rising to £13.95 with length of service. The new store will also retain existing colleagues and is expected to create approximately 15 additional full-time equivalent positions.

Site Plan



About Lidl

We opened our first Lidl supermarket in Germany in 1973. Following positive customer feedback, we quickly expanded and by the 1980s, Lidl had become a household name.

Our first Lidl in the UK opened in 1994 and we now have over 980 stores across Britain and 14 distribution centres in England, Scotland and Wales. Lidl Great Britain has experienced continued growth over the years as consumers flock to the supermarket to discover its great value products – more than two thirds of which are British sourced – ranging from quality fruits and vegetables, to premium wines from its much coveted Wine Tour collections.

Lidl takes pride in providing top quality products at the lowest prices. Our stores are operated by a network of dedicated store staff, helping to establish and develop the success of the company.



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A NEW LIDL FOR FOLKESTONE

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey!

For quality assurance purposes, your views can only be recorded if you provide contact details (this information will be held in the strictest confidence by Lidl GB & Rupleys LLP) in line with GDPR.

TITLE: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ SURNAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____ EMAIL: _____

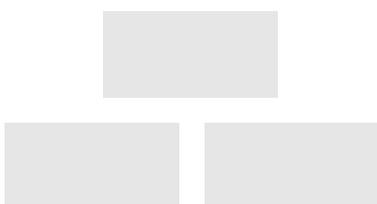
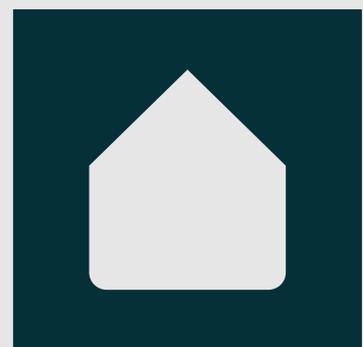
Privacy Policy:

By providing your personal data and comments to Lidl Great Britain Limited, you agree that we will share this data with the local planning authority as part of the planning process so they can verify the comments we receive are genuine. We may send you a follow up letter asking you to further support our proposal and contact you to update you on the progress of the application.

If our application is successful, your personal data will be stored for one month after the store opening. If Lidl no longer intends to build a store in the above location, your personal data will be retained for one month following our decision not to proceed.

Tick here if you would like to receive communication or updates regarding the new store proposal via email.
E-mail: _____

Schedule of Comments and Responses



Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
No	Will take away from Central based food store options - Lidl already has large superstores on the outskirts.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	Yes Please. The store in Hawkinge looks fantastic and when visiting the store in Folkestone's town centre it is obviously extremely dated in comparison. Modernising the building would be a fantastic and welcome addition for me personally as I can imagine the knock on effects of the dated building are less ecologically friendly compared to those knock ons from a new building. I would welcome this with open arms, especially being in my local area. My only main concern being the rise in traffic in the area which is directly opposite a children's play area and a route home from many of the local primary schools. If appropriate consideration is taken regarding those concerns, then I can see no issues at all with this proposal.
Yes	
Yes	I think this is a great idea, the town has now being redevelopment and whete the one in town is going to be so busy with the buses pulling in ,we live near this new project and will surport it
Yes	This will bring people to the area,thete is no such shop like lidl in thus area ,and most of residents who live here will appreciate a shop like this ,including myself
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	I think it would be good for this side of Folkestone to have a larger food store in the area. Although I would miss the store in town, personally this site would still be in walking distance and the increased size would be a pleasant shopping experience.
Undecided	Although itd make it easier for those of us with cars, it would hamper those in town who don't, like the elderly. If there was a bus to the new lidles that would be good
Yes	
Yes	My biggest concern as a local resident living in Canterbury road (very close to Dover rd end) is the roads. It is already very difficult and dangerous crossing Dover Road towards southern way. All directions crossing the road as a pedestrian around the junction at the end of southern way (leading to Dover Road) are a nightmare as a disabled person. If you then add more traffic due to the proposed store, it will only become more dangerous. Traffic lights or zebra crossings really do need to be considered. Having said that I think it's an incredible proposal and I'm all for it.
No	It is a residential area , does not need a supermarket
No	Does not need relocation, residential area road infrastructure would not support a major supermarket

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	
Yes	Great it's about time they used that land
Yes	Very good idea just make sure the bus stop lay-by is big enough for my Envrio 400
Yes	It's an empty area and having it so close to such a large residential area will be a great addition
Undecided	
Yes	
Yes	Needs it. I don't bother with Lidl Folkestone in its existing location. It's far far too small
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	I think it would be a good move
Yes	
No	This location is worse for accessibility. It moves a central supermarket away from the town, which thereby drives both people going to Lidl away from the town and people visiting the town away from Lidl. The location is also a worse area for crime and drug abuse, which will put more people off of visiting.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	Area isn't being used, will bring life back to surrounding area
Yes	
Yes	
No	
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	
No	Do not support and will not use new site 1- lack of public transport to this destination and accessibility 2- the destruction of green space and environment
Yes	
Yes	Only concern is about the hgvs. How will they be able to fit into the delivery area. Are they expected to make a very tight right hand turn before manoeuvring into the delivery area?
Yes	
No	It's more convenient in the town centre.
No	
Yes	
Yes	I stopped going to the Lidl in the town as it's so small & awkward to get to, the new bus stops nearby will make it even harder to get to.
Yes	
Yes	Easy to get to. Plenty of parking. Near to bus stops
No	As someone with no car this makes it incredibly difficult for me to do my shopping. The only other shop within a reasonable distance is Asda and I can not afford to do my food shopping there. Lidl is the only store I can afford to do my shopping.
Yes	
Yes	It's a perfect location!
Yes	A great idea and support people that live on that side of the town as there is t anything nearby other than local shops that can't cater for everything
Yes	
Yes	Looking forward to having a store closer to where I live
No	I don't even know where the area for the new site is and i've lived here all my life keep it in town so that those on low incomes have somewhere easy and accessible to shop
Yes	Good use of a derelict site. With two of Folkestones supermarkets in industrial estates and three others currently in the town centre, this will bring the "big shop" closer to a large portion of Folkestone's residential area. The Lidl in town is currently rather inferior to the newer building in hawkinge and really due a rebuild.

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	Much better location for a lidl store, site has been empty for years.
No	Location is perfect as it is. Too much of a walk to go to Southern Way. By moving, I'd be forced to shop in Asda which would significantly increase my monthly food spending.
Yes	Build build build
No	Too far too walk to and would make my shopping too expensive if to go elsewhere
No	
No	As somebody with mental health issues and can't use public transport or taxis. This will force me to get shopping elsewhere. My cost off shopping will increase and make me make more cuts to my shopping. I think the new location will cause more traffic and upset. I understand that customers don't have much in the way of parking but this move is just crazy. The town is supposedly for shops so another store moving will kill the already dead town
No	Totally unsuitable position with bad road access
No	I wouldn't bother to go to the new site as i only go to the current one as it's convenient when do my shopping in town.
Yes	I think this is a fantastic idea, and I applaud your design layout. There are no supermarkets this end of town, only mini markets. People who complain about it encroaching on wildlife should take a closer look as there numerous wild open areas located nearby including the Warren, derelict railway trackway and surrounding hills.
Yes	Living in the east wear bay area we only really have one main shop, a Tesco Express and a few 'local' shops. I think a Lidl would prove very popular here. This site has laid unused for many years and whilst I appreciate nature, I know bird watchers etc will claim birds and wildlife have priority. The fact is when I was a child this site was a railway station and a coal merchants, an industrial area. More recently (1980's) the site housed a workshop, a mechanics business and a day centre for young clients of the Probation Service, which I worked at. It is now wasteland and should be utilised for things useful to the local residents.
Yes	
Yes	Would be a perfect area for the whole east of Folkestone to do their weekly shop. Fully support this idea, as do a lot of the residents around this area.
Yes	

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

No	Won't come if it's in the new location too far away will use other supermarkets
Yes	All the best , we are waiting thanks
Undecided	I like the current town centre store. It is not too big, and has a good range of products. Larger stores such as hawkinge just get over run with too many things
Undecided	There would need to be a better public transport access for people near to the existing one. 1 bus and hour and no service at the weekend is not good enough .
Yes	
Yes	Be great if it brings more jobs to the area. Town lidi is so outdated
Yes	Great to have a supermarket this end of town
Undecided	Generally the store is in a convenient place, the centre of town. Moving it out of the town will detract from the work being done to uplift the town centre. Yet another abandoned building. The area that the new store would move into seems to currently be a Greenfield site and so to cover that over would be bad for the environment and local and migrating wildlife. Upwards expansion of the current Lidl store could provide more internal space if needed. Don't let down locals that use the store and walk to it or use public transport just to support some that drive in and need more parking.
No	
Yes	
No	
Yes	
Yes	
No	Please keep the town centre Lidl. The proposed location is too remote and in a residential area which will not appreciate the additional traffic. The issue of wildlife occupying that site is crucial as well.
Yes	I like the fact it is in central town as you can go into town and do your food shopping but this takes it really far away from me and it's less accessible by bike for me. I appreciate that it is a better location now for a large majority of Folkestone as it is moving to a more residential area and more parking is good

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	Much needed development and investment to this area is a brilliant idea and needs to be pushed through asap to bring the areas offerings up to the required level. I do not think it will take away from the nearby Tesco Extra but will add to variety. Also supportive of this due to the traffic issues in the centre of work adjacent to the current site which is seeing a lot of adaptations for the new temporary bus station. The current building is not reflective of LIDL universal design and layout and feels cramped and dated, and a store similar to Hawkinge in design and layout will add to the aesthetics of the local area.
Yes	Anything new is great for Folkestone
Yes	
No	I feel there are better places for the store, Park Farm have lots of wasted land for example where Homebase was or Silver springs land. This is a big residential area with a local school and not roads or space for lots of traffic and lorry's. Lots of children play in the park close by and live close and a danger with all the extra traffic.
Yes	
Yes	
No	
Yes	We would LOVE it as a household and so would the rest of our family members who all live nearby.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	This will be a good addition to the area. Close by for many people and will see a lot of custom
No	Please DO NOT destroy a patch of land to build on. All of the wildlife that NEEDS it more than a sodding supermarket. Very very bad idea!!! Leave the land alone for WILDLIFE ONLY!!!
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	Would be much more convenient than current store
No	I believe the current location is ideal for those who don't drive and can only access public transport. I feel this would cause a lot of disruption to Southern Way and surrounding areas. It may even reduce customers to the store.
No	

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

No Keep the Town centre Lidl, it's in the centre and more convenient.
The former East Rail Station area needs to be a BUS/Car Park & Ride.

No

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

Yes

No A lot of children walk along southern way to get to school and it is already an extremely busy area with no crossings, an increase to traffic will make it more dangerous for those children. It will also make it more difficult for people to get to, public transport isn't great to this part of town.

No The proposed new site is a long way from the town centre and a lot of traffic is involved getting there. I like the Lidl in town as it is smaller and more convenient. Buses stop nearby for those without a car. We have an out of town Lidl at Hawkinge which is good if people want a larger one.

Yes

Yes Brilliant site it will benefit the area .

Yes Could you please provide enough bike racks, please. Thanks

Yes Am please that I won't have to travel to hawkinge Lidl and will be closer to my house
The Lidl in town is to small so we don't go there for weekly shop just top up
Looking forward to having a bigger and closer store

Yes

Yes It's prime for a supermarket on this site so I am all in favour!

Undecided I think the town centre location for your shop better covers those either in or close to the area. Why move?

Yes Happy with the proposal, would want it to ensure all possible sustainability options are being used to keep environmental impact down.

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

No	<p>If this site is back up for sale, it should be used to support the creation of a tram by the Remembrance Line Association that runs down to the harbour station. With the overdevelopment on the seafront that is already creating too much traffic, parking solutions for visitors are desperately needed. This is the only location suitable for a car park, and a park-and-tram ride solution would be a novel tourist attraction in itself.</p> <p>Creating a supermarket here would only create further traffic - you would have to drive there. The site has a steep slope into the entrance that isn't suited to disabled pedestrians. Adding to the gridlock during sunny weekends and bank holidays is disruptive to the people who live in and visit the East of Folkestone.</p> <p>I currently visit Lidl in the Town Centre often, as I get a bus into Folkestone. In the past, I used it several times per week as I worked just round the corner. I would not visit Lidl here at all as it is too far to travel on foot from the town centre, with a steep hill that many cannot climb. Buses are not all that frequent and - as it's the Dover bus - are often very busy. I would have to shop in Asda when in town instead and my family currently shop at Sainsburys, which is in a much better location for driving to. In fact, it is easier to drive to the Hawkinge Lidl from my house close to the end of the M20, which we do on special occasions. I am afraid you would lose us as customers, and many others - Lidl is in a convenient location for town shoppers and you're not going to get the pedestrian footfall elsewhere. Stick to Hawkinge and the town centre.</p> <p>If you do insist on proceeding with this scheme, this area is extremely sensitive archaeologically. There is a Roman aquifer where the houses are next door (between the houses and industrial estate), St. Botolph's Chapel is thought to have stood over the road and it is thought there was a Roman villa right where the site is. As chair of the local civic society's planning sub-committee, I would want to see appropriate archaeological intervention - preferably a full study prior to work commencing.</p>
Yes	
Yes	
Undecided	Plenty of empty premises in town that could be redeveloped including the Folca building , Lidl needs an in town presence as it already has
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	I'm pleased as this location is walking distance from our house.
Yes	If this new store location was to go ahead we would switch from shopping at ASDA to shopping at Lidl. We live a short walk (5 mins) from the proposed new site. It would mean instead of a large weekly shop for 7 I could visit on foot every day, every other day to collect items for the family. Perfect location, plenty of parking, deffinatly a good move. Yes please.

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	We love lidls
Yes	We do shop at Asda but are willing to change to Lidl if its closer.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	My only concern is the flow of traffic around the proposed entrance to the store, especially so close to the roundabout on Dover Road and the traffic/parking on Warren Road.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	Can't wait for it built!
Yes	I live local to the proposed site and could see myself walking to do my shopping as and when I needed food rather than drive once a week.
Yes	<p>The current location is evidently in a good location since it seems always to be busy, being within very close walking distance of on one side of the residential area of Guildhall where there is a likely high proportion of rental accommodation through to (as is also the route back towards the town centre for those who live the other side of town from) the Central Railway Station with only a modest Co-op in between which is less readily accessible by car, If needing to come by car to Shellons Street, one can always find a space since customers go as others come. Access by car to the Shellon Street store is convenient since it is located on a one-way system that can be regarded as a large roundabout. The main shortfall at the existing site is lack of staff to man the staffed checkouts, as would be improved by substituting another bank of self-scans for one of the lanes. More car parking space could readily be found by coming to some arrangement to access extra space in the public car park alongside. However, one can't predict to what extent the current redevelopment of Shellons Street and whatever might result from disbanding the bus station occupying Middleburg Square might influence convenience of access, though will possibly make little difference.</p> <p>Opening a new store off Southern Way may open up new convenient access for those living in a more encircling catchment area from there up the hill and even through to the roundabout to those along New Dover Road living in Capel-le-Ferme. It's clear that the Tesco convenience store close-by is regularly busy, albeit with limited car-park space since a sufficient distance from Shellons Street. The new location would evidently be a good move, with the presumption that Shellons Street might also remain open for a while on a 'suck-it-ad-see' basis.</p>
Yes	E great to have a new modern sustainable store in Folkestone.
Yes	Love Lidl and this site would provide better parking. I don't do my weekly shop at Lidl but do regularly go to the Hawkinge shop.

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	
No	Concerns around the significant increase in traffic, and the immediate surrounding roads. The roads are already unable to cope with traffic and the increased traffic would lead to negative ability to move freely around the local area. Warren road where Sai news and off license is situated can at current only accommodate one car to pass in any direction at one time, due to the nature of parked cars on both sides of the road, this road wouldn't be able to sustain or accommodate the traffic. This road in particular would need completely redesigning . The type of customer the store attracts could bring the overall tone of the area down, to what is currently an extremely desirable area. Further more, customers who rely on your store who are in the centre of town, wouldn't make the journey to your new location as it is much less desirably located, ie no longer central, and a lot of customers rely on being able to walk to your store.
Yes	
No	
No	Whilst redundant, the plot of land serves as a mini nature reserve and hosts space for migratory birds.
Yes	
Yes	I like the idea of it as I like many of your products and your new location will only be down the road walking distance from me and will save me driving up to Hawkinge, but surely you will lose all the walking customers from central Folkestone.
Yes	
Yes	Exact what this area needs
Yes	This is an excellent idea, we live at Thannet Gardens and hate using the Lidl in town due it its location.
Yes	Good use of a redundant site with good access and public transport
Yes	Think it will be great,
Yes	
No	The area is already busy with children due to the park, and going to school. In nice weather cars already queue along Southern Way to get on to Tram Road to visit the beach/town. This is not a viable option for a site that's expected to have a reasonable amount of traffic
Yes	
Yes	

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	
No	Please don't close the old store in the town centre - it's really useful to pop in there when visiting.
Yes	Look forward to this new store as it's closer to my house. Have been using Hawkinge store as its easier for parking there so will be glad to see this.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	Brilliant! Just around the corner for me in Stuart Road. Good use of the land, Shellon street store is a bit small and showing signs of better days. The sooner the better. Happy days.
Yes	
Yes	Lidl would be a great affordable option for us within walking distance. We appreciate the environmental considerations
Yes	
Yes	I would be very supportive of this proposal. The current area is unused and a Lidl supermarket would be a beneficial addition to residents as there is no equivalent store nearby
Yes	Possibility of more disabled bays,although you can park anywhere with your badge.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	There is no large shop in this area so this would be great
No	Should be in town or out of town, not here. Traffic's already busy and bad for safety. Might technically be a brownfield site but this site is green, full of trees and plants and won't be improved aesthetically or environmentally by a superstore. There are numerous local stores already in this area supporting the local community and economy which will be negatively impacted.
Yes	I live locally within walking distance to this site and I think its a great idea!
Yes	Would you consider adding a cafe to your new Lidl site? I think it would be beneficial as there are no cafes nearby.
Yes	
Yes	Only reservation is that people will park there to go to the harbour arm taking up customer parking spaces and these people don't care how much they get fined as they park everywhere on weekends during the summer.
Yes	Would be great as we could walk to it 🗺️ 👍
No	

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes We would be able to walk to the proposed new site which will mean we would likely start shopping here rather than sainsburys at least some of the time. It would be better for the environment too.

Yes

Yes

Yes

No Please don't do this I love the store in town I work in town and always pop in for bits on my way home I couldn't do this if you moved it I walk to the store now as there's no buses where I live I'm only 10 mins away I would have to shop else where and Lidl once a week and get a taxi which will cost more money please don't do this

Yes

No Having lived here for 12 years, my main concern would be the increase in traffic that a new store on the site would attract. In summer, it is already almost impossible to access our homes, due to the traffic from the harbour area, and having the access to the store being right at the intersection of Southern Way and Tram Road I can only see this exacerbating this problem further. I am also concerned about the loss of natural habitat for wildlife. While I appreciate its a brown site, it has become a haven for birds, small mammals and insects. Developing this site will erase that habitat. It will also leave another huge empty retail unit in a dying town centre. While I'm generally in favour of increasing infrastructure in the area, I can't see a huge advantage to bringing a large retail unit, with increased traffic, light pollution, noise pollution into a heavy residential area.

Yes

No Not sure I would want to buy food sold next to a sewage Pumping Station. Plus the fact that traffic will be even more of a Nightmare than it is already what with Remembrance Road still closed. Probably have to have traffic lights. It will probably eradicate the last bits of community in the area as most of the small convenience stores in the area will probably be forced to close. There will be more pollution and noise in the area with the amount of cars and the extra light coming from the shop. I live near the new proposed site which is another reason Lidl should just stay in town where it is. What will the old site become? Houses, flats, a new Bus Station maybe? It will just divert traffic up Tram Road from town. Maybe that's the plan. I think that just about covers everything.

Yes It is a great idea to have a supermarket on the east side of Folkestone. There are convenience stores and a little Tesco Metro but a new larger store on what is basically waste land now would be great

No Traffic is bad enough on southern way with 2 schools at the end of the road, a park and tram road leading to the harbour, this would make it impossible to use the road.

Yes

Yes

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	
Yes	Few more disabled spaces would be helpful! 😊
No	No provision for customers without cars, including the elderly and other disadvantaged groups. No mention of public transport in your proposal which suggests there is none! So you're not prioritising the environment either.
Yes	Very good for the east end of Folkestone
Yes	This area of town needs this.
Yes	It will be very convenient and walkable from home
Yes	Great idea for this side of town. Great to see one that isn't lost in an out of town retail park. Go for it.
Yes	Would like more disabled and parent & child spaces than planned.
Yes	
Yes	We are very happy about the proposed new Lidl. We live in East Folkestone and will be able to get to this location on foot if we wish. Currently we drive to the Hawkinge store. We agree that the town centre Lidl is too small. Please please do retain adequate staffed tills. Sainsbury's in Park farm is now horrible as it is mostly self service. This is a really good USP that Lidl have - friendly, efficient, fast till staff. There is rarely a queue, there is no aggravation with the technology, it provides jobs and people who are isolated get to have a chat with someone. It builds a community feeling. Thank you.
Yes	
Undecided	Great idea, but this would put a permanent stop to folkestone east station returning, but acknowledge this would be a good use of the land. The road network would need improving and some signage or traffic calming onto warren way to deter traffic coming along warren road particularly with the school being there
Yes	
Yes	Amazing!!!!
Yes	The proposed site is nearer to me than the shellon St branch. I would probably walk or cycle to the new store as no massive hill for me to climb. I am a bit concerned with the volume of traffic on the local roads especially as there is currently parking on both sides . Great that it is opposite a bus stop (not that I'd use it as would not be on a bus route for me) . Get it built asap
Yes	
Yes	All main supermarkets are central or west of Folkestone/cheriton. So a Lidl's store in the west is a great idea, access/main roads are more than adequate and will lessen present traffic from local/west Folkestone residents travelling across Folkestone to reach current supermarkets. And will also lessen HGV delivery vehicles in the town centre . This will

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also make use of unused waste land. Also nearby properties I think are set far enough back as not to be affected by noise.

Undecided

Yes

Yes I'm broadly in favour of the development but do have concerns with the inevitable increase there will be in traffic in the streets around it. The traffic is already busy at peak times, there are a number of schools close by and the facilities for crossings are already very poor. It would be good to see some consideration and improvement made to road crossings as part of the development.

Yes As long as transport links are in place for the elderly and infirm as the current store is accessible for these groups

Yes Totally support the expansion into the new site and subsequent development.

Yes

Yes We would miss having the shop on the way home from the school run with our kids but more space and selection at Lidl prices is preferable to that convenience.

Yes I feel that the small Lidl in Sheldon's street should stay, a lot of people don't have the means to travel out of town to a different shop as a one off, Lidl is great in the town centre, so many people use it and will miss it. I think it would benefit everyone to keep the current store and build the new one. The new Lidl would serve the whole of that part of Folkestone, there isn't a big supermarket at all in that whole area, it's a big area to have no main shop, the only one really is Tesco express on Dover road, and a few corner shops, so I think it will do really well and serve so many people. I'm just not sure about the entrance on that road, if it could lead out to Dover road that would help congestion, I know at school times especially that road can get traffic heavy, and in the summer loads of traffic headed down tram road to the harbour.

Yes

Yes A coffee shop would be excellent
Maybe a delivery service

Yes

Yes An excellent idea. We have 3 major supermarkets in the town centre - Asda, Sainsbury's & Lidl. Placing Lidl in a rural area would mean that we wouldn't be solely reliant on Tesco Metro across the road so this increases consumer choice. It also means people who are without a car do not have to travel into town for shopping. 100% support.

Yes

Excellent position

Yes

Great idea what a waste of space be good to be used and it's close to me as well

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	Great location
Yes	Additional coffee shop and delivery service fir those with mobility problems
Yes	It will be a shame for people in the centre of town but will be good for people around Dover Rd/East Cliff to have a walkable Lidl. You can't be near to everyone. Our Lidl shopping splits between town centre and Hawkinge (because it is bigger) so we won't have to drive up there.
Yes	
Yes	Will need to get Stagecoach to put a bus stop outside so customers have a means of getting back to the town centre if they don't have their own transport.The only bus stop there goes the other way
Yes	It would be handy for me as I live close by & would be able to walk there.
Yes	As a resident of the area (Burrow Road) I think it would be so nice to have a large grocery store nearby. It's so expensive to shop at tesco express
Yes	I currently walk to the Lidl in Folkestone almost everyday. My son who is autistic doesn't eat before or during school time. So as a result he likes the bakery items at Lidl to eat fresh every day when he finishes school. I also enjoy shopping in Lidl and find all the items I need. The staff are fantastic and it great value. Having a Lidl around this area would help so many people that live her. The only shops near without going into town are the Tesco express's where they don't sell any of there own brands so can be very expensive. I so hope you get planning permission. Good luck.
Yes	Yes please. It's about time the east of folkestone was improved. Thank you
Yes	Nice for the EAST of Folkestone to have something new and helpful! Makes use of 'dead' space and easier to get to. LOCAL small shops might suffer!
Yes	I fully agree with this Lidl being built i am local to this area and it's great to have something this end of town
Yes	Great idea
No	I don't feel this is fair on pensioners that do not drive and have issues with mobility, i live very local to shellon street and have been a customer for years as it is my most accessible store , to have this removed will have a big impact on me and many others who do not drive , please take our views into account on this , i'm very unhappy and sad i feel we are being overlooked yet again .
Yes	Good location, easy to walk to daily and weekly shopping if I find it compatible.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	
Undecided	Folkestone will suffer by taking Lidl away from the centre of the town. Also there is a large store in Hawkinge which is on a regular bus route for people like myself who do not drive.
No	The new location will not only increase traffic, but will also create a lot of unwelcomed noise to the area. We already have a Tesco express on Dover Rd and their delivery lorries sit waiting to unload early in the morning
Yes	Good location providing healthy competition to existing local shops. A newsagents/tobacconists and cafe would be good options for the two commercial units
Yes	
No	I do not have a car and the new site is 3 to 4 times the distance from my house and I would have to walk home with my shopping. I will likely stop shopping at Lidl if you move the site much further away.
Yes	This is an ideal location for local residents.
Yes	Please do this. We really need a local supermarket.
Yes	East Folkestone needs a supermarket accessible for the local community
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	It would mean I can walk from my house to pick up smaller loads, rather than drive to Park Farm. I think it's a good use of the site which is currently derelict.
Yes	Nervous about the impact on traffic on Tram Road which is already very busy as it's the only way down to the Harbour
Yes	I already have concerns about the Morrison road bus stop opposite, which already causes people to overtake around a blind corner outside the waterworks, and any additional traffic will make it worse. I think the bus stop should be moved elsewhere (as it's already a problem). In addition this is an exceptionally busy school commute along the road to 2 primary schools (St Marys and Martello Primary) so there will be a disproportionate number of children walking past the entrance between 8-9am and 3-4pm, so some way to safely cross the road entrance would be required. I think potentially the route from Morrison road to Tram road may also become more congested, with Tram road suffering even more than it does at present, hard to say.
Yes	Great idea and great location
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	A Lidl in the proposed area is much needed and I really hope it goes ahead. I am a few minutes away by foot so would shop there for the majority of my shopping.

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	It would be a great location as it would relieve pressure on the town centre, especially with all the changes taking place. Plus, it's in walking distance for most families
Yes	I think it'll benefit the residents who live that side of Folkestone (like myself). More people would be inclined to shop at Lidl due to a bigger store and more parking spaces and its location. It would open up a space in the town centre which could allow a new business to open up and attract more people into town.
Yes	Great location! Convenient for so many people
Yes	Excellent idea I believe it will benefit the community massively as there is nothing in this area. Whereas the town centre has an Asda giving the public alternative places to shop if the Folkestone Lidl is moved
Yes	Excellent location and within walking distance so not having to use the car. Will save money rather than going to Tesco express which is the only nearby food shop which is expensive. Can't wait!
No	I use this Lidl as my main grocery store because of good quality and affordability. I'm autistic and I can not travel by bus, so the new shop will be completely unreachable for me and that would have a huge impact on my life. All my hopes are to the old shop to stay.
Yes	It would be good if the site came with domestic recycling facilities including recycling of plastic bags. I support this development as the current shop is sometimes poorly stocked and a new shop would bring some redevelopment to the area.
Yes	I think it's a brilliant idea, & it will be brilliant for the old people who can walk into town
Yes	I live locally and would use this supermarket. The existing Folkestone Lidl is grotty and small and the location would be prime for redevelopment in the centre. The proposed site of the new shop appears to be on former railway land so would be difficult and expensive to build residential there. Suggest Lidl contribute towards turning the old rail track into a cycle link with the harbour, and maybe upgrade of the nearby children's playground. Lights controlled pedestrian crossings will be absolutely necessary for safety of customers and families.
Yes	Yes, please it would be perfect location and just a walking distance from me.
Yes	Very pleased that a brownfield site has been chosen on a more deprived and run down part of Folkestone.
Yes	I think this will be a fabulous asset to the community we have very few shops on this side of town and being able to walk to get my top up bits will be great
Yes	This will help out so many elderly and vunrable customers in the area
Yes	
Yes	

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	I think the question if traffic flow/management needs to be carefully looked at as it could easily become a nightmare but otherwise it would benefit me significantly
No	
Yes	Main concern is what would happen to current site as it is very close to where I live. I dont want it becoming left and dilapidated and unusable.
Yes	In principle the idea is okay, but I feel you need to increase the amount of planned disabled parking bays, maybe to 12 bays (minimum). More and more residents of Folkestone are reaching retirement age and with that comes older-aged disabilities (I know this from direct experience). Creating fewer disabled bays than mother/child bays means ultimately that you will be penalising the elderly or disabled and discouraging them from shopping at your new store because, what will blue badge holder number 7 do when they turn up at the store and find all 6 bays are in use (it can and probably will happen from time to time)? They will drive round the car park and zoom off to Aldi, Asda or Tesco — meaning Lidl will have lost a precious customer. It is a common trait with megastore owners that they do not give much consideration to the disabled when it comes to disabled facilities. This can be a BIG mistake! Also, do you intend to incorporate a lock-controlled disability toilet inside the store?
No	
Yes	Much more local to where I live, would consider walking!
Undecided	I live locally to the site . I love Lidl and whilst I'd like to have one on my doorstep .. I am concerned it's land most local residents didn't know existed .. No mans land ! I'd say better a lidl , a support infrastructure, than more housing . The increased local traffic is a worry but things have to change . I can see why it is an option .
Yes	It is much more convenient for a lot of people including myself and would definitely be beneficial
Yes	I can walk to new site
Undecided	The current store definitely needs replacement as it's grim and I try and use Hawkinge where I can for that reason, although it's slightly further away. The proposed new site is difficult to access from most of the town and there is no particularly easy route to it that doesn't involve a longer trek round the one way system or through winding, narrow side roads. A better site might be purchasing the rest of the carpark next to the existing store or on Park Farm, as the old Homebase store is empty.
Yes	

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	I think it will be a good addition to East Folkestone as there's not any large stores here for food shopping
Yes	
Yes	More disabled parking required than is planned please
Yes	
Yes	Fully support this. The site is not suitable for housing. It will be well located for the East Cliff area which has only convenience stores.
Undecided	Traffic is the only problem but i use hawkinge which is only a 10 min drive from this location - if i am going to drive (no bus that side of disused railway) i might as well go to hawkinge?
Yes	
Yes	7am opening hours on week days as I'm a construction worker how likes to visit the bakery and get my lunch on the way to work, would be very good to have a large supermarket within close walking distance, I don't feel traffic would be any different due to the shop being located here it could potentially ease congestion in park farm due to people not having to travel there as much and most traffic issues are caused by closure of road of remembrance and harbour arm traffic at the summer weekends and bus station changes cause the most congestion
No	No other shops around. The present location is close to the town centre .
No	Busy road , even more so in summer or school run
Yes	This part of folkestone has not had anywhere you can buy fresh produce for years ..apart from.a limited supply at the small Tesco. I think this will be a great boost for the local community and I will be able to pop in through the week
Yes	We currently shop in Lidl, but travel up to Hawkinge as the town centre store is currently too small and doesn't stock everything we need. So moving to an out of town centre location I don't think will make much of a difference to most shoppers.
Yes	New store has better parking. It looks larger. I am sure the ranges will offer more variety.
Yes	As we know, everything that comes out of the mouths of Reform is utter b*****s. Our local Reform councillor is against this, therefore I am FOR this.
No	This new land site looks perfect indeed, but only eastern residents of Folkestone would benefit from it. I would not be able to shop so far from home and climb up/down the cliff as I always shop central and walk to the current Folkestone store regularly. It is essential for me to have an affordable grocery store in the central flat area. If you could keep an existing store or at least an express version of it, that would be wonderful. Thank you
Yes	

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	
Yes	I welcome a bigger better more spacious Lidl for Folkestone. Apart from creating more job opportunities it will be convenient for people in the local area and will make their money go further.
No	Road structure & vehicular traffic not suitable for this site. Would prefer you remain in town as a handy location. There are already plenty of out of town shopping facilities.
Yes	I think it's a great idea I'm all for it good luck to you
Yes	I am 100% in support of Lidl's moving there, it's 5 minutes from my home. Would be brilliant I'm sick of the bigger shops being further away. I believe it's perfectly slotted out the way up there it will be ideal.
Yes	It's on my doorstep so I will walk and not have to drive
Yes	This would mean I could walk to new proposed location and do my shopping, where I currently do not have this option.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	Fantastic idea looking forward to it
Yes	I think its a great idea, will make my shopping experience much easier and I won't have to drive to do my weekly food shop so better for the environment 😊 also the bakery is amazing. Can't wait!!
Yes	
No	There are better places in Park Farm both existing and vacant to put the store with suitable roads. The proposed site will cause traffic chaos on residential roads which are already busier due to the road of remembrance being closed for an indefinite time.
Yes	I live on Warren Road and fully support this
Yes	I couldn't think of a better use for the brownfield site on Southern Way.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	I think it's a great idea! The site has been sitting there, empty, for many years. I don't think it would effect the traffic flow either.
Yes	Support this application and very happy and keen for it to go ahead
Yes	I think this would be a good idea for the local area. The Lidl's in town is small so I always have to go up to hawkinge.
Undecided	Concerned about traffic as the proposed area is residential and is exceptional busy during school pick up and drop off and 3 large schools at the end of southern way. It is already impassable at times
Yes	Looking forward to the new store

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No	<p>Absolutely absurd proposal to locate a supermarket off of Southern Way opposite the children’s play park. We do not need another food store in the Eastern area of Folkestone. We have independent local shops and a Tesco’s Extra. The existing roads can not cope with the current traffic. Encouraging 100 more vehicles to the area is madness. What this area of the town does need is a GP surgery and NHS Dental clinic for local inhabitants. No more hgv’s delivering to more industrial units please. There are 2 primary schools in the region. Safety is an issue. Please consider remaining at the Shellon Street location in the town centre. Why not keep the Lidl’s where it already is located, opposite the new bus station and if you want to expand, then make the shop two stories high? It is already in an ideal location for public transport links where as Southern Way is poorly served by public transport. Not enough buses to Southern Way and overcrowded at peak times. Do not destroy the town centre by withdrawing from the Shellon Street site. We do not want an ugly new bright blue and yellow building with masses of concrete and tarmac on the brown field site. There is no call for a supermarket there with extra industrial units. There already is a problem with increased water runoff in the East due to the new primary school tarmac on top of clay. Surrounding residents gardens are now boggy and get flooded. The water table has been made too high by interference of human building expansion. The proposed store will also attract litter and waste. It will not assist the natural wildlife but impinge on the butterflies who are already devoid of stinging nettles for laying their eggs, migratory birds, bees, lizards & adders. Flora such as butterfly attracting shrubs and rare orchids. It beggars belief that a concrete monstrosity and tarmac be even remotely thought of being built on such a site. Logistically the location can not withstand builders trucks, and subsequent 100 migratory vehicles being encouraged to the location. Is the proposed new Lidl’s store larger than the existing? Why 15 more full-time store staff than already employed? Cant you employ more at the existing store to make it run more efficient there? Are you aware that Aldi’s are building a supermarket in the outskirts of Folkestone? We don’t need a Lidl’s on the outskirts of the town too. What we need is a local medical Clinic. And the rail line reopening to serve a real working Harbour.</p>
Yes	<p>Think this is a fantastic move have had difficulty shopping at the current store due to the road works causing public transport changes,</p>
Yes	<p>I think this would be a great addition to the local community and for Folkestone generally! I think it's a great idea to have a large store in that area.</p>
No	<p>I already have to take a bus to Lidl on Shellons St. There's only one bus per hour with a two hour gap in the afternoon. If I wanted to go to the new location that would be two buses and a substantial walk, with the return journey comprising of two very steep hills and a journey time in excess of 40 minutes. My groceries would be spoilt. So for me, this would be the end to my trips to Lidl. Why move? Why abandon the store you have already renovated? Making my home town look like a desolate wasteland? Taking away the children's park? The area is better suited to more homes. What hell would the families who live there endure? Looking out at an ugly</p>

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

building instead of kids playing. The value of their homes plummeting along with the noise of delivery lorries and consumers coming and going all day, every day. Just why? It makes no sense.

Yes

Yes
Oh my first reaction was outright protest. No, don't close my favorite store! It's my favorite store around the corner. Even when I ran out of salt, I could always run there. However, after reading the informational brochure about the efforts to raise standards, I give my YES.

Yes
An amazing idea. The Sooner the better. The area is crying out for somewhere of good quality thats decently priced and sufficiently stocked - all current local options result in a compromise on at least one of these 3 factors. We also wouldnt have to drive which is great for the environment. Fully fully support! It would also be a great use of the land that really benefits the local community. Everyone's excited.

Yes
Absolutely in favour of this. I currently shop at the Lidl in Hawkinge as the town centre one is just a bit too small. Having it this close would be great for those items i've ran out of mid week and have to pick up at an expensive corner shop with limited products. It would be a great use of a wasted space too, and also bring a well needed supermarket to the east side of Folkestone.

Yes
The proposed development is directly opposite a small children's playground that's well-used but rather tired. A commitment to invest in a new playground area as part of the development would be seen as a positive commitment to the local community.

No
As I don't have a car, if Lidl is relocated I will not be able to get to the new store. It is too far for me. And also the way to this location includes a big difference in altitude which makes it impossible to walk with purchases home from the store. Using a bus is not an option. It will take too much time to do shopping. I'm very busy and can't waste my time shopping.
Lidl will lose me as a loyal customer.

Yes
Great idea will be able to walk there from my house

Yes

Yes
We live within the East Cliff area of Folkestone. A supermarket within walking distance would be welcomed. How does the number of car parking spaces match with current Lidl in town. It needs to match or ideally be more spaces at the new store because more will be traveling by car and no on-street parking available. I am still in support of this proposal.

Yes

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
No	It would be too far away, the current location in town is convenient to pop in when i need items
Undecided	For me personally, having Lidl's close by is an advantage. However, what concerns me is that the entrance would be situated on a school route road/path and opposite a children's play park. There are 2 local schools, one of which I work at. My concerns are all based around road safety for the children.
Yes	
No	I live close to the proposed new site and my concern is the huge increase in traffic around the area that this will cause. During the summer months Tram Road, the harbour area and Dover Road get backed up with huge tailbacks of cars causing jams. This new site is in a residential area that will cause even more congestion.
Yes	Fantastic location both for those walking or driving. We need bigger shops. This location would be better than the current town centre location
Yes	
Yes	You would be welcome with open arms
Yes	I'm particularly interested in the two commercial lots above the Lidl. Stores such as Costa or Greggs would be excellent in these location to give the local area more conveniences and services.
Yes	I live on Wear Bay Crescent and to shop at somewhere larger than Tesco Express we have to drive. The bus service has been reduced and our side of Folkestone is lacking local shopping opportunities. This site is empty and not used for anything useful.
Yes	Very excited and welcome this. Will be brilliant for East Folkestone. Love Lidl!
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	Perfect position and within walking distance for me or using the mobility scooter. Good for the area and an excellent idea.
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	It's a good use of the unused space. But the wildlife that currently resides there is a concern. Will Lidl "give something back" to the area for wildlife to thrive?
Yes	Impact to the school run is a concern. Will deliveries be avoidable around rushhour? The entrance to the proposed site is a heavy route by foot and by car to the nearest schools. Can walkers get right of way (maybe a zebra crossing) at the site entrance to keep children safe walking to school.

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No	<p>This site would be better used for housing.</p> <p>There are serious traffic issues in the area, especially in the summer since The Tram Road was made two way .</p> <p>This development would add to the congestion and change the area from mostly residential to a more commercial area.</p>
Yes	<p>It'll be good to have a walkable supermarket. I won't be using the car as much.</p>
Yes	<p>A little concern for local independent grocery stores</p> <p>Traffic management will need to be effective probably a roundabout at the site entrance on southern way to allow cars be able to exit to the right towards Dover Rd.</p>
No	<p>One store in town, proposed site is a residential area & will be affected by more traffic, extra light & noise deliveries at night.</p>
No	<p>The proposed development will cause many negative issues for the local residents. During construction, and when in use, there will be an increase in noise and light pollution, especially at night, from the store and the customer traffic. The hgvs that will need to resupply the store will alao contribute to this. These factors will disperse the abundance of wildlife that currently reside on the site. The increase in traffic for the store will cause delays for parents taking and collecting their children at the three local primary schools. There is also a playground opposite the proposed site and the increased traffic will increase the pollution levels where children will being playing, as well as elevating the risk to child pedestrians.</p> <p>Reocating the current store from in town will reduce the options available to the town residents.</p>
No	<p>It is too far out of the centre of Folkestone, especially for those who live in the opposite direction such as Cheriton and the surrounding areas. Public transport is poor at the best of times and is even worse from the area of the new proposed shop location. The area is also very congested, especially during the weekends and Summer Month.</p>
Yes	
Yes	<p>Shellon street is hampered by traffic and pooor parking. This site is close to town and excellent use of redundant land, providing parking for those that wish to do a weekly shop but also easily walkable from the town. There are limited shopping / grocery options on this side of town and it does allow us to shop without using our car to go to the industrial estate.</p>
No	<p>I think that the traffic infrastructure will not cope with the increase in cars going to this potential new supermarket. There will be congestions, there is also a playground opposite to the site and children walk to two schools in the neighborhood using the same streets that will become much more frequented. In addition, there is some housing on the Plan for this area, which does not figure in the redevelopment plans. I would like yo see the entire rail track down to harbour converted into walking alley with cycling line, while the area next to the water treatment facility could serve as additional parking space for visitors in summer who would then walk down the alley. Or</p>

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recreational grounds with some council housing. Something useful, other than another temple of consumption.

Yes

Yes 6 disabled parking spaces is NOT enough. Please increase to a more suitable amount.

Yes

Undecided I am concerned for the local shop Sai News (located along Warren Road) and the impact a new Lidl store in such close proximity would have on this local business. However, a new Lidl store close to the Tesco Express on Dover Road would be good and competition; Tesco would have to reduce their extortionate prices! So I am undecided.

Yes Relocating the Shellons Street store is a fantastic idea. Although it's my local, it is very cramped. The Hawkinge store is nice to shop in as a comparison size (when they have the stock), so the new proposed store will be a dream. Absolutely you have our full support in building a new store where the new location is

Yes Please give due consideration to traffic access to try and mitigate impact upon, the already often overwhelmed, Tram Road. Please consider a mini roundabout at access road.

Yes It will be great to have a major supermarket within easy walking distance of where I live. Your products are generally speaking superb. I normally have my shopping delivered but I will be fine walking to you store.

Yes I think this is a super idea and I cannot wait and pray for this to become reality!

No This area of Folkestone is constantly busy with traffic due to the harbour and numerous schools nearby. In summer the traffic becomes worse with traffic backing up from tram road. Putting a store here will cause unnecessary noise and light pollution. It will destroy the wildlife that is already there.

No The proposed site will create more traffic to an already busy area. The view of an ugly building will not be inkeeping with the current area. The current site has a lot of wildlife which will be destroyed. Noise pollution until 10 pm will be very disruptive to a residential area. As the store will be open till late, this will also create unwanted bright lights plus late night traffic, either customers or deliveries. Around the corner is Tescos, which supports local shopping in this area as well as other independent businesses. The proposal shows two units, which doesn't indicate what these are going to be and what restrictions, if any, applied as this is again a residential area. My property will overlook this

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site & I feel this will have a huge impact on my view & a negative impact on my property value.

Yes
It will spoil a residential area with the increase in traffic, especially with Tram Road during busy periods which tends to be grid locked. I can personally see it from my bedroom, living and kitchen and therefore be an eye sore - let alone the noise and light pollution. I am worried it will devalue the local properties.

Yes
This will be very convenient as I live nearby

Yes
I support the principle of this proposal; the principle being the release of a prime town centre site for mixed use development that positively contributes to the town centre- I hope this forms a consideration with the disposal of your current site.

I also support development on this brownfield site in a generally accessible location.

However, I strongly object to the form of your proposal. Your adamance for building a big box, out-of-town typology in an inner-city location is a complete disregard for the proven disbenefits these have on place quality, car dependency and public health (50 years of proof!). Your proposal offers nothing positive to the neighbourhood as it is currently designed - it puts pedestrians second to cars and has no positive interface with Southern Way - missing an evident opportunity to transform what is now an inhospitable road.

What I would like to see, and what I urge the council to require from your proposals, at a minimum is:

1. Improving pedestrian access. This is completely neglected. You haven't proposed so much as a crossing of Southern Way where there are no existing safe crossings (no, the uncontrolled crossing at the roundabout is not safe), of the pumping station access, or even of your own proposed access. You appear to have no landscape proposals up to the existing footpath so presumably the pedestrian ramp will be delivered through the existing crappy wild scrub. Once arrived up the escarpment, pedestrians have to walk through the car park with not so much as crossing markings.

2. Building frontage onto Southern Way. Appreciating there is a significant level change to be mediated, but there is every possibility to introduce an entrance foyer with a lift and/or escalator into the main store area in order to have a frontage onto the street, improving the quality of the street and proving greater visibility of your store, and meaning that your building is not simply sat within a sea of car parking which is an entirely outdated and unpleasant model.

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3. Introduction of a southbound bus stop and associated improvements to the footpath. There are currently no southbound stops between the Tesco at Alexandra Street and the town centre at Tontine Street - a 960m distance / 15min walk, which is a failing of the network as it stands. The nearest southbound stop is 320m or 6min walk. This is a fairly far distance given this would be a destination use and bus users would necessarily be carrying goods. A new bus stop in this location would support sustainable travel to the store and be a benefit to the neighbourhood more generally.

I would encourage you to reduce car parking spaces and overall tarmac but I imagine this will fall on deaf ears.

To stay nothing of the architecture.

In summary, while I support the principle of development in this location, I think your design proposal is incredibly poor, unsustainable, and does not positively contribute to the neighbourhood. The age of placeless, out of town, car dependent development models is over and Folkestone deserves better. I will be making the same representations to the council as and when this is lodged as an application.

Yes

Yes

Really excited for this will be great for the area may even apply for a job

Undecided

It would be convenient but I'm just not convinced the road network can cope with it. There are a number of schools in the area and the roads at certain times of day are already a nightmare. This would increase the pressure on an already busy area.

No

The current store is easily walkable for me in its central location, and by moving it, I will no longer be able to shop at Lidl as I do not have car.

No

I don't want the current store to close as it's on the school run and as well as doing the big shop, I pop in with the kids all the time. The bigger store in Hawkingne is always all over the place and badly stocked. That smaller one in town runs a tight ship and does a great job for the community. It's always well stocked and clean.

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No
 I do love Lidl and frequently visit Folkestone town on foot and always pop by the town centre store for middle of Lidl / special buys. I also drive to Hawkinge store to bulk buy wine. Although I live closer to the new proposed site it is not a good location. The road infrastructure will not be able to support extra traffic to/from the site. Traffic can only access the newly proposed site via Dover Road which is a busy main road and also Tram Road which is a busy main road which is already very difficult for 2 lane traffic to pass each other due to bridge, buses and parked cars. The newly proposed site will snarl up traffic flows.

Yes
 I would be able to walk to the new site which is a bonus

No
 While the new location is convenient for me personally, I feel it would be a shame not to have a budget supermarket in the town centre.

No
 I think the traffic is already often gridlocked around this site along warren road and tram road and I think, as a local resident and business owner it would make this even worse. I am in favour of a larger lidl store but maybe on the original or another site (I like the current site). I thought Lidl might have gone for the former silver spring site in park farm - though the roads are a nightmare thee too and a lidl store there would make this worse. I can see it's not easy trying to do this. I wish you all the best, I love and am very grateful for Lidl's I supporting everyday people with your reasonably priced products. Please get more organic, gluten and sugar free products in your folkestone store though. Thanks

Undecided
 Even though I mainly shop at Sainsburys (Park Farm), there are a fair few products which I buy regularly at Lidl and will continue to do so regardless of whether or not the new store goes ahead.

I have 3 points:

1. As a local resident living on Dover Road I am not keen on an increase in traffic locally which will occur if you open your new store at the stated location. At the weekends in the summer the traffic flow near the harbour especially Tram Road can be gridlocked, and this could well impact those trying to access the new store's location.
2. As a car driver the new store will not particularly benefit me any more than your two existing local stores, at Shellons Street and Hawkinge.
3. You will be doing a disservice to the many non-car owners (especially old people) who currently rely on the central location of the Shellons Street store. For them the new store will not be an option and their custom will presumably shift to Asda which is no distance from the Shellons Street store.

No
 Please don't move the Lidl! It's my favourite supermarket and it's easy to get to by foot at the moment.

Yes
 I think this would be a great addition to the community

Yes

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	
Undecided	It seems crazy to open this site as the Town Centre site is better for shoppers on foot, and the Hawkinge site is not much further by car with better access than Southern Way. If the Aldi opens on Park Farm I know where i'll be shopping
Yes	
Undecided	<p>I am a regular shopper at both of Folkestone's Lidl. I live in Canterbury Road CT19 5NW. Whilst I'm not totally opposed to the new store's proposed location I am concerned about extra traffic in the area . It already gets congested at busy times in my road . If Lidl were to move to Southern way would they consider liaising with the necessary authorities and introduce speed bumps to Canterbury Road CT19 5NW ? Making the road one way with Joyes road , CT19 6NU also one way but in the opposite direction? (Joyes road runs parallel with Canterbury Road). Also making the roads a 20 mph speed limit ?</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you Robert Vanburen</p>
Yes	I feel the location is well situated
No	
Yes	Will be much more convenient
Yes	Would be brilliant
No	<p>Use the store based in town regularly as i walk into town and shop on way home moving to this location would mean i have to drive as not on my route so would mean an extra trip the traffic is horrendous around the harbour, i cannot drive at weekend as it is impossible to return home quickly due to the amount of traffic the store might benefit those around the area but it would not benefit me neither would closing the town store</p>
Yes	<p>Fantastic idea, only local store is tesco express where stock is limited and it is difficult to buy anything other than branded products. Transport links inn the is area are poor and people would appreciate the opportunity to buy food at competitive prices</p> <p>for those that say traffic is bad in the area - they refer to round the school roads, southern way to my knowledge is always clear at busy times</p>
Yes	Good idea
Yes	
Undecided	Nice to have locally however the road is so busy during summer so need better planning
Yes	

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No	Opposed to the plan even though few minutes walk away current store is easily walkable for a large part of the population this new location is to the east and far less people will be able to walk people would need to drive to it increasing traffic in a busy already - especially at school home time. There is a school around the corner! I consider this a bad idea and you will loose customers not gain
Yes	Look forward to a new lidl store. Need good food stores, live close by so be fantastic fingers crossed the proposal goes through
Yes	It will bring life back to the area
No	We already have a serious gridlock of cars
Yes	I think this is a great idea
No	We already have two lidl stores which is more than enough
No	This area has become extremely busy since living here since 1968
Yes	No
Yes	You have chosen an ideal location
Yes	It will be more accessible
Yes	Would be nice to have a larger store
Yes	Happy to see nearer to home
Yes	Its a great idea
No	Lidl in town is more accesible
Yes	I live in the area that has been suggested
No	Lidl in central folkestone is very useful
Yes	It will be a shame if lidl vanishes from its current site
Yes	Just get it opened asap
Undecided	We would love to see a new bigger store however we feel it would be best suited on the park farm site
No	Yes
Yes	We think its a brilliant idea
Yes	Get it built asap
Undecided	How many disabled places will there be
Yes	
Yes	Yes
No	The proposed site is opposite a childrens play area so not safe with traffic
No	Anti social behaviour too close to childrens park
Yes	Would be a great idea

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Yes	Concerns over traffic though
Yes	Would be a great boom to the area
Undecided	
Yes	
Yes	Yes i would like this
Yes	Cant wait
Yes	Great improvement to the area
No	The additional traffic increases the risk of traffic casualties
Yes	Would be good for the local area
Yes	This would be an excellent idea
Yes	I would love a lidl store there
Yes	
Yes	Looking forward to the new store
Yes	Would be a good idea
Yes	The proposal is an excellent idea
Yes	Its a brilliant idea
No	Concerned that this will increase traffic in the area
Yes	Happy the land is being used for something useful
Yes	Good idea
Yes	
Yes	Definately need it in the area
No	Its not fair for the town centre residents to relocate
Yes	Excellent idea
No	As a frequent customer of your current store i dont agree to move to a different area
Yes	It will make good use of the land
Yes	Will be a good place for the store
No	What about bus stops? Spend the money on doing the high street
Yes	Crossing for the children and sign posts please
Yes	In favour of the new store
Yes	Brilliant use of the brownfield site
Yes	We think its a great idea
Yes	I live near by so will be pleased to see
Yes	Jobs. Good use of brown fields
Yes	It would be convenient

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

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Yes	Better than park farm
Yes	Fantastic idea
Yes	
Yes	Its a brilliant idea
Yes	Fantastic idea!
Yes	
Yes	Good for east folkestone
Yes	We think it would be very beneficial
Yes	Much needed. Cant wait
Yes	I cant leave my husband for too long so would be good for me
Yes	I am in favour
Yes	I want to know that any anti-social behaviour is dealt with
Yes	Traffic access will need consideration
Yes	This will be a great help to me
Yes	
Yes	Im so pleased
Yes	Brilliant
Yes	A little lidls goes a long way
Yes	I would welcome this
Yes	Think they are very good and will revitalise town
Yes	We would be very happy
Yes	I would be very happy to see a new lidl
Yes	This would be ideal for me as i dont drive
Yes	There was a proposed dr surgery on this site which would still be good
Yes	Am concerned with the increase of local traffic
Yes	We think it is a great place for lidl
Yes	Will be great to have on the east side of the town
Undecided	Will increase traffic and increase the risk of accidents
Yes	Would help with employment
Yes	Would love lidl over on this side of town
Yes	
Yes	The proposed site would be an advantage to the area
Yes	This would help so many locals that struggle getting to the one in town
No	I think its a waste of money

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	Great idea and location
Yes	The sooner the better
No	The new site is too far away from residential areas
Yes	I hope this goes through
Yes	Cannot wait
Undecided	Please keep lidl town centre store
Yes	Much needed for this side of town
Yes	
Yes	Sounds like a great idea
Yes	Please can we have both, new one and old
Yes	Slightly concerned about there not being enough parking spaces
No	It is more accessible in the town centre
No	This is another blow to folkestone town centre
Yes	I think it will serve a large part of the east ward
Yes	Very exciting! Lidl is my supermarket of choice
No	I dont think the new store is needed
Yes	The site is an excellent choice
Yes	Will be very easy to get to
Yes	
Yes	So happy to have good news for the area
Undecided	Access to proposed site can take 40-60 minutes in the summer this will further increase traffic roundabout on dover road is not good and this increase in traffic will seriously impact local roundabouts also 2 local service stores in area
Yes	Pity to loose another outlet in town not all your customers have a car quite a few rely on public transport, closure of bus stop means a longer walk - can you help reinstate the bus stop? Perhaps consider pedestrians in location best of luck with you plan hope its successful
Yes	Be alot better - nearer for people to use walking distance for people who live round the area instead of waiting for buses better for elderly people and wheelchair users as not everyone can travel on buses easily
Yes	Beneficial to local area
Yes	
Yes	

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Yes	We need a good shop for people with no car
Yes	Good idea for most people in the area give a lot better shopping area and make life easier for some older people i think this is a great idea
Yes	Amazing news and only 4 mins walk like to apply for a ft job
Yes	
Yes	What about the traffic in the area
Undecided	How will this affect the neighbourhood in terms of traffic - for customers and deliveries can we expect more lorries coming down wear bay road what are the planned traffic routes?
No	Takeaway trade from local shops whilst also destroying more natural habitat more pollution in a built up residential area and more traffic causing disruption oppose this proposal and suggest lidl is rebuilt in its current location
Yes	Good idea i can walk to store
Yes	Nice new lisl without having to drive into town would be great
Yes	
Yes	Great idea much easier to access hope this goes ahead
Yes	Good thing to have old store too small and as a pensioner find it hard to travel
Yes	
Yes	Very confident
Yes	Great proposal store in town is now not so good as other stores - too small and dated. Also very busy making it hard to get around and the shelves are empty quickly. Carpark is also not big enough and with removal of bus station sure this will be affected full support of the new store
Undecided	It is a great idea but have you though where the birds can go to rest can you do anything for the birds to not be scared off. Maybe border the edges with trees
Yes	Great opportunity - no supermarket in same vicinity good use of the brownfield site glad it will not be more housing positive development - sustainable features - cannot see any negatives not everyone has a car, so will also benefit not located in an established residential area it is on scrapland

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
No	<p>Take footfall from the town site is in a residential area, bring more traffic and delivery trucks to quiet streets.</p> <p>Take away from local small businesses traffic concerns and safety for the primary school children and the playpark opposite</p>
Yes	<p>Great advantage to local residence also the bus prices and poor bus station are making it difficult to get to and from town</p>
Yes	<p>Excellent idea brownfield site which is currently not used i love lidl and it also brings job opportunities to the area, family members will be applying for one of those, hopefully</p>
Yes	<p>Bus from town is not too bad but with new location this may be improved to get local community on board some sort of partnership i.e.. Local schools talk re: healthy eating, playground opposite maybe sponsor</p>
No	<p>Older people like to go on the buss and so their shop at lidl some like small compact shops</p>
Yes	<p>Very good idea as a non car owner it would be great to shop without going up and down hills</p>
Yes	<p>Great idea physically disabled and cannot travel so it would help me heard rumours people are looking for housing could the town lidl be used for this i think this would be a success love lidl but never get into town, a friend usually takes me at christmas i hope this goes through the land has been left for so many years, be good to have it used again</p>
Yes	<p>Very exciting bring life back to a neglected piece of land traffic is a concern with situation on warren road and around the school concerned it would be more congested how will you support the local convenience stores that will properly go out of business?</p>
Yes	<p>Brilliant idea with more jobs more choice due to larger store in favour of the proposal and the relocation to the site</p>
Yes	<p>Sounds like a great idea</p>
Yes	<p>Miss</p>
Yes	<p>Keep the prices the same and keep the same store staff as super nice and very helpful</p>
Yes	<p>Much easier to reach for me like shopping at a larger store cannot access current store unless i get a lift better car parking is needed not having to drive round looking for a space</p>

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	Great idea cannot wait
Yes	
No	Serves people very well in the town centre, any development that moves from the town centre will be another blow to the centre increase congestion in the area, potentially adding to the gridlock that already happens the site should be a carpark with a walkway or trainway to the harbour
No	Physically disabled person with 2 sticks - limited walking mobility. Personally this store would be too far away congestion is also a concern in the area - lots of vehicles during building also better where it is
Yes	So helpful to have a lidl store more accessible for me and my children
No	Roads are too small area will not cope traffic concerns - roads are always clogged site at the old silversprings works would be better
No	Traffic is a concern particular in peak hours such as school
Yes	Would be great if there was a cafe too hope you have enough disabled parking
Yes	Amazing to have a supermarket this side of folkestone especially for those who don't drive site has been unused for some time and despite several proposals has sat wasted excellent idea for the land
Yes	As long as existing wildlife is taken into account
Yes	Shop at lidl every week and will be very pleased if a new branch is opened as its nearer to my home
Yes	
Yes	Wonderful to have a lidl store in the east area as many people have to travel to local store lived in this area for many years and the proposed site has been dormant for some years so it would be a suitable site and make local people happy
Yes	
Undecided	The new store would be an asset in this part of town however, likely generate more traffic in an area with narrow streets and street parking already an issue it will impact on local food stores vacant town centre lidl would be difficult to repurpose also current store is centrally located and convenient for on foot or public transport more we shop away from town the more it declines

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

the proposed site has also been vacant for a long time but i'm not sure this is right for a supermarket

Yes	Fabulous idea maybe a discount voucher or two whilst building work is underway - due to traffic and noise locally
Yes	Disabled lady with mobility problems currently unable to access current store without extreme difficulty larger store would be suitable for me to access and parking would be better there are a lot of people in the area without transport and public transport is horrendous so this would be more accessible
Undecided	Will warren way become one way will st. Marys school have parking time for school run impact on local house prices which direction will the delivery drivers come safety of children a concern due to park opposite
Yes	Town store hardly used due to traffic new store would have far better access
Yes	
No	Although it may appear a new store would fit the there the area is already experiencing major traffic problems tram road is the only route to the front accidents are almost weekly added to which the air pollution is a threat to the local schools and play area it is prominent housing area with a ot more elderly living there
Yes	Great idea to have a store local mobility issues and the new lidl would be close by, shopping would be easier, these days i do most online but would prefer to look around i do hope this excellent idea comes true
Yes	Be a lot easier for people to get to especially elderly people, more so when buses don't turn up to get in to folkestone
Yes	
Yes	Only problem i can see is not as accessible as the town store, no bus service to take pensioners to it please take this into consideration
Yes	Provision of a discount supermarket in the area is a great idea and well needed

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	Good idea, closer to my house so no more bus fares or taxis hopefully also provide job for me as a senior age (60) would love to work close to home
Yes	No real supermarket in area poor bus service and a lot of elderly people live in the area, many like myself do not drive, be a god send. I heard of traffic concerns, this did not seem an issue when second school was built
No	Detrimental development on the area, traffic often congested in the area and the site would be better used for residential however, like every other proposal in the area i expect this is a fait attempt and will go ahead
Yes	Great development, no large food store and it would be great to help families and older people, avoiding unreliable public transport to town centre
Yes	Carpark should be bigger apart from that great idea current store far too small and a long trek
No	Would be good to have a lidl this side of folkestone but don't think the site is right traffic would be bad and make dover rd very busy deliveries twice a day would be large lorries in a residential area with schools safety & traffic are a big concern in a very busy area
Yes	I trust you
Yes	Please have toilets in store important for the elderly and very young
No	Always use lidl in town, only 10 mins away and it is very convenient for me. Love the store please don't take it away from the town, we don't have much as it is. I wouldn't be able to shop there if it moves as i do not drive and couldn't get there
Yes	We like lidl but have not visited even once since we moved due to current location, goodyard would be better for us
Yes	I believe this would be good for local community existing customer at store this one will be nearer. I don't feel this would have any real impact on local traffic as some might say, but having lived here for over 30 years i wonder if the ground is suitable to build on. Vacant for years, applications for houses and doctors with no avail, makes me wonder why these have not been successful
Yes	As a pensioner living in proposed area i would be delighted
Yes	Great idea at the moment the town lidl is awkward to get to with all road works, car park is small

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
No	Concerns re extra traffic in school area, will put pressure on other local shops who may have to close, area was earmarked for a park and ride i do not accept the premise that the current store cannot extend or relocate within town centre moving will be detrimental to football in town centre
Yes	Good idea and suitable location
Yes	
Yes	Great idea be nice if you could bring back £1.50 fruit and veg basket ps need to order some brushes for my electric parkside grinder, could you email the address?
Yes	Good site and area
No	No car how do i get there why not keep both
Yes	Brilliant news
Yes	Only concern is traffic, busy road with two schools on warren rd plus turning in to tram rd
Yes	Hope this is successful great to have in the area
Yes	Very good idea, no big store this side of town
Yes	Good supermarket is badly needed at this end of town particularly for those on bus 74 may also note that many older people, do not benefit from your app phone discounts since we don't do technology hope you succeed ps do not pass on my address unless in connection with this cause
Yes	Only thing i am concerned about is the sewage treatment unit in hot summers
Yes	Traffic needs to be encouraged to enter and exit via dover road. Tram road and warren road do not have sufficient capacity for the traffic car park will need to be tightly managed, vans from local industrial units will be parced all over neighboring streets
Yes	As a lidl shopper i am loving the idea of a store closer to home
Yes	As a life long customer of lidl i welcome this proposal from where i live this will be easier to reach
Yes	I think it would be a wonderful idea, bus station where it is currently is congested you need more parking spaces which you have suggested i think more people will be very happy

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	Glad to see derelict land being used for locals not another block of flats also the town is going downhill
Yes	Very good idea. Would save lots of people travelling into folkstone
Yes	This would be great for the land that has been unused for so long it will bring additional job opportunities and a benefit to those in the area that are unable to get to a bigger store very much in favour
Yes	
No	<p>Why i will not be shopping at lidl new foodstore app. In 2018 i had a serious accident on watermelon juice on the floor of the folkstone lidl and despite insisting it was recorded i haven't received any compensation or even an acknowledgement. My ankle is permanently damaged as a result and have declined an ankle replacement</p> <p>i will not be able to get to the new lidl. A huge number of lidl customers have mobility issues or are older and do not own a car. I do not own a car, car dependency is to be avoided, i thought?</p> <p>No mention of a bus service or reviving the now redundant tram road railway line which would be revolutionary. Its all about cars</p>
Yes	
Yes	<p>Perfect for me</p> <p>i will live 100 yards away</p> <p>i will save alot of time with it being so near</p>
Yes	Great idea love to have one close to home being disabled
Yes	<p>Why not use the land available</p> <p>disused rail track and network rail land</p>
No	We have enough here with 2 schools and a disabled place don't need it - too many cars already
No	<p>There is no or not much public transport in the area think about the pensioners that cannot get there, i only live up the road from your new site. I have to walk to a new bus stop, its also in a catchment area of 5 schools, so traffic will be a nightmare also did you know the area is prone to flooding</p>
Yes	It will be nice to have a store in our vicinity
Yes	<p>Yes defo great for us as its 200 yards from my house</p> <p>love the idea</p>
Yes	<p>This is a great idea for the derelict site</p> <p>it will be good to have a local store that i will be able to walk to</p> <p>parking in town is now a nightmare due to limited bus service</p> <p>i cannot see the improvements to the town making it better</p>
Yes	Would have preferred waitrose
Yes	Idea location in a residential area

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	Delighted and excited love lidl
Yes	Brilliant idea hope it goes ahead - we live round the corner
Yes	We think this is an excellent idea we are very excited at the proposal and very much hope the plans come to fruition we think that the current store in town is too small and now they are relocating the bus station it will be hard to access new store in a new location sensible
Yes	I think its a good idea lot closer to the top end of folkestone where there isn't a big store so it will benefit the people in the town who cannot always get to town i would definitely be a regular
Yes	Cannot wait for this to happen best news yet
Yes	Consider shells from pumping station with southwest prevailing wind
Yes	Yes please - love lidl
Yes	Be good for local people there are mature trees next to the industrial park which should be kept is it a brownfield site, so no damage to countryside existing site in the town should be kept or redeveloped as there is not much left and we don't want yet another derelict site
Yes	More local employment delivery kept to certain hours please keep present staff from shell on street as they are a great bunch more fresh product good for east and harbour wards - people will walk there good luck with planning
Yes	The new lidl's will be good for the area, especially elderly people lidl is a cheaper store than most and will create jobs good to have 118 parking spaces, including 6 disabled, 9 child & parent, 2 electric charging points brilliant idea
Yes	Busy school walking route - need to ensure traffic management is safe and effective warren road is tricky to drive down due to parked cars either side. May need priority passing traffic backs up due to turning into tram road on nice days a great idea to have an affordable shop in this part of town please ensure cycle racks and mobility scooter parking and taxi pick ups please make as much provision for wildlife and sustainable climate tolerant plants as you can
No	No car,how do i get there from cheriton!why not keep both businesses
Yes	I hope there will be a decent transport infrastructure to serve both locals
Yes	This will be a great addition to the area

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	A good idea overall
Yes	I think this would be a wonderful use
Yes	Brilliant idea
No	I use your store twice a week
Yes	A larger store would be a great improvement to area
Yes	Help with local people
Yes	We are very excited
Yes	
Yes	I love lidl and think is a great idea
Yes	Having a store in this area would be a major improvement and benefit to residents as no real shops in this area which is very much needed
Yes	
Yes	Very much in favour
Undecided	Concerned about the traffic
Yes	Good for the local residents.
Yes	I am all for it!
Yes	It will be excellent
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	More disabled parking would be ideal as 6 is not enough
Yes	A good idea
Yes	The new store would be easier to get to and have some more offers being a larger store
Yes	I will be very happy to have a lidl here
Yes	
No	There is enough traffic .not wanted
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	Brilliant news
Yes	We need this in the area
Yes	Will it have customer toilets
Yes	
Yes	It will be a good use
Yes	The smaller store is easier for us,but we still support the proposal of a new store

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	I think by having the store it will benefit the town
Yes	Sounds good
Yes	Will be much easier for us to use
Yes	
No	To much traffic already
Yes	It will be brilliant as we have no shops here
No	It would be to much heavy traffic,please don t build it here
Yes	No comments
Yes	Good use of the land
No	Concerns about traffic
Yes	Brilliant.much better location,with better acces than actual location
Yes	Fully in favour
Yes	
Yes	Bakery please!
Yes	
Yes	Much needed in this area
Yes	
Yes	Much better placing for the store
Yes	Seems reasonable for me
Yes	Excellent use of land
Yes	
Yes	
No	Not acceptable development roads surrounding already highly congested
Yes	
No	The store where is now is convient for me
Yes	
Undecided	Both would be good.we dont like the idea of another empty building in town
Yes	I think the local people would be benefit really well with the site of lidl.
Undecided	I will be glad its not going to park farm,hate it there.
No	Good news that you are planning a new store but not in southern way.this will cause heavy traffic
Yes	
Yes	Great idea
Yes	They look good.is serve local community

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	
Yes	Good idea
No	
Yes	Disabled parking
No	Not happy about this proposal
No	This is unacceptable town centre store is far more convenient for all via foot car,bus and next to other town facilities
Yes	There are no supermarkets shops in this area
Yes	Have always been a fan of lidl
Yes	Nice to see a company which is creating employment opportunities in this difficult times
Yes	I think it is a good idea
Yes	
Yes	Very vary much in favour at the proposal
Yes	It will free up traffic from the town site.good luck!
Yes	
No	Road infrastructure ot suitable for anticipated amount of retail traffic
Yes	Good idea
Yes	
Yes	It will be closer to my home
Yes	Very happy
Yes	I agree
Yes	
Yes	Will be good
Yes	I think its a good idea
Yes	Would serve the local community
Yes	
No	In my opinion very poor choice of land selected
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	All good but more disabled parking space please
No	Location will be a nightmare because of the proxemity to 3 primary schools
Yes	Wonderful idea
Yes	
Yes	

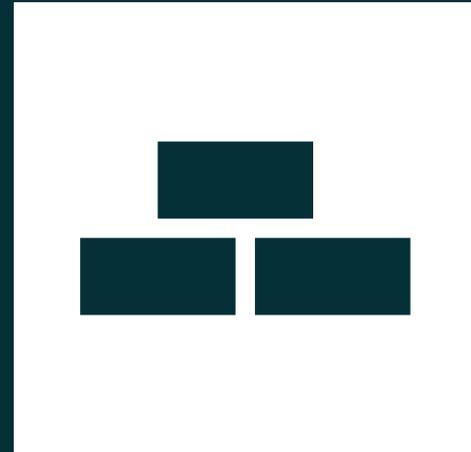
Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	It would be a marvellous addition to this end of town
Yes	Dont usually use lidl but would give it a try
No	Is not suitable in our option
Yes	It would be more convenient for me
Yes	Amazing
Yes	Greet idea
Yes	
No	Not happy about this proposal
Yes	
Yes	Excellent idea
Yes	I think it would be a great idea
Yes	This is the best thing to happen
No	Develope your existing site
Undecided	Howv the traffic would be managed
Yes	Great idea
Undecided	
Yes	We do need anew lidl
Undecided	I like shopping at lidl
Yes	Great idea
Yes	Must be brilliant for all who live in this area
Yes	This would be a great development
Yes	This place is to busy but i would be happy with the bigger store
No	Main concern is the congested traffic
Yes	I m for it
No	I am over 65,use lidl regularly
Yes	A really good idea
No	Need to be away from the centre
No	Some concerns about the traffic but not enough to vote no
Undecided	Concerned about the trafic
Yes	
Yes	Really great idea
Undecided	Undecided
Yes	Great
Yes	I live nearby and i would love you to be relocate to this end of town

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided) Other Comments

Yes	More than happy with this proposal
Yes	
Undecided	People living in the town centre without cars especially older people,will probably have to use iceland or asda instead
Yes	Look forward to the new development
No	Having this store will create too much congestion and traffic
Yes	
Yes	Great idea
Yes	Looks great
Yes	Be easy walk for me as i don t drive
Yes	Only concern would be about the access and increased traffic
Yes	Im disabled and there is never enough disable space in store
Yes	
Yes	Good idea
Yes	What a great idea!
Yes	Brilliant idea
Yes	Sounds like a great idea
Yes	A positive addition
Yes	Excellent addition
Yes	I believe this will be an amazing idea
Yes	It would make good use of this
Yes	
Yes	Would be great
Yes	More jobs,bigger store more options
Yes	It will be ideal for me
No	
Yes	
Yes	More disable parking and new disable trolleys would be nice
Yes	
Yes	Go ahead
Yes	Absolutely great idea near where i live
No	The extra traffic.it is very much a residential area and these roads already are busy
Yes	It would be handy to have a good supermarket
Yes	Fantastic idea

Are you supportive of the new Lidl store in this location? (Yes / No / Undecided)	Other Comments
Yes	Yes please
Yes	Brilliant thing
Yes	The addition will be a great asset.would be welcomed
Yes	Will be an asset especially to the older people
Yes	
Yes	Great use.all the best
Yes	Great idea
Yes	It would be a plus.please go ahead
Yes	Great idea
Yes	
Yes	Can`t wait
Yes	Location is perfect
Undecided	Extra traffic during the development and after
Yes	
Yes	Absolutely a fantastic idea,great location,providing more jobs
Undecided	Why not move to park farm
Yes	It will be great to have your new store so close
Yes	
Yes	It be nice to have a new store and more jobs vacancies
No	Not happy about the idea
Yes	Glad to see that unused land
Yes	
Yes	Fantastic location
Yes	It will be good
Yes	Fantastic idea and plan.great for the community
Yes	Would be great of unused land
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	Great idea
Yes	Excellent idea
Yes	Excellent for the local community
No	The road network is not sufficient
Yes	Just get on with it!



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