

To whom it may concern,

With reference to PAR/LHRAM/33687

I am writing to state my strong objection to the council plans to repurpose this piece of green land. I list my reasons below;

1. Unnecessary destruction of a mature green space and associated trees despite council's commitment to a climate emergency last year.
2. Destruction of a public right of way. Lidl may claim to incorporate a new right of way but this will not be public and will be subject to their control.
3. Introduction of further traffic in an area which already suffers from extreme congestion, particularly at peak times. A 94 space car park is designed to attract motorists, not pedestrian shoppers from nearby residential estates.
4. Increased traffic as above will cause a significant increase in air pollution in an already heavily populated area.
5. Restricted access to emergency vehicles on a main route to a major hospital.
6. Demise of local trade in Upton village, further to that caused by the development of the Sainsbury's retail park. Local traders have been commendable in their service throughout lockdown, in fact the council have highlighted these very traders and turned them into 'local heroes' for the sake of their own campaign. To build another supermarket on their doorstep would be a wholly cynical and hypocritical move.