

## **Deputation Submitted by Councillor Pike**

**App: 20/01221**

There are two matters of concern that I believe should be further examined by the committee in their determination of this application.

### **Sequential Test**

It is of obvious concern to residents and retailers that this application will create another out of town supermarket putting further pressure on our town centre businesses. On the face of it, it seems perverse to be building a new supermarket on a green field site when there are two empty supermarkets within a reasonable distance - former Tesco Leigh Park, and former Waitrose Waterlooville. It would be helpful for the committee to examine in detail the sequential test to ensure that all avenues have been pursued to reuse empty buildings before using a green field site.

A similar situation happened in Havant when Tesco built a second store, a condition was applied to ensure the 1st store in Leigh Park remained opened. This ensured continued support of the town centre location. I would recommend the committee add a similar condition to this application to ensure the Somborne Drive store remains in situ - I believe the Tesco agreement was 15 years, but many of the documents from this time are not available online.

### **Walking and Cycling access**

It is once again disappointing that the Highway Authority are not doing all they can to secure good walking and cycling access across the Borough, and have agreed a set of measures that will worsen cycle access. The off road cycle route along Purbrook Way is well used, and is the main route to South Downs College from Leigh Park.

By creating a two lane exit from the site, the walking/cycling crossing will not be LTN1/20 compliant, and in the words of the Government Guidance will be 'suitable for few people, and will exclude most potential users and /or have safety concerns'. To be allowing this modification is obviously concerning, and therefore I would recommend the committee ensure further debate about the junction improvement before approval so that walking and cycling use is improved rather than degraded.

It should be perfectly possible to allow good motor vehicle, cycling and walking access around the area - that are appropriately segregated from each - and HCC should be demanding the level of investment required to achieve LTN1/20 compliance.

Kind regards

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