

PLANNING REF : 261208
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 42 Skelmerdale Way
: 42 Skelmerdale Earley, Reading, Berkshire
: RG6 7YB
SUBMITTED BY : Peter Lowman
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COMMENTS:

We live at 42 Skelmerdale Way RG6 7YB which is very close to this planned site, being the nearest to it of a group of residential properties. Our property almost adjoins it diagonally; the northeast corner of our property is about 10-15 meters from the southwest corner of their car park. We notice that they say `giving back to the

community is at the heart of the proposal` and that they are `not just creating a place to shop, but a business with a positive impact on the community`. We hope they mean this! I also note the partnership they say they are exploring with Age UK to make this helpful for older

people; again this is particularly significant for me because I am 72 (with seven unrelated medical problems). It is very important for us that they have good ventilation dealing technologically with the fumes and smells from their oven and bakery.

**Specifically as regards this advertisement: It is very important for us neighbours that their oven and bakery are so situated within their building plans that anything that is discharged into the atmosphere is discharged on the furthest (river) side of the property from us and their residential neighbours. Their advertisement plan advertises the food hall on the opposite (garage) side, the side nearest to us, as if this is where the bakery etc will be. Please stop that happening.) **

(I realise there may be a separate consultation about the supermarket plan as a whole, but in case not, can we ask you please to see that the environmental health issues are covered by insisting that they ensure the following at least:

First, as they are right by a group of residential dwellings and say they aim to have a positive impact on the community, please do not allow them to be open too late in the evening, with all that that would mean for sleep disturbance. (I see for example that their Littlehampton store shuts as early as 3 pm.) It is obviously very important for us that their being there does not mean car doors slamming when we and others in the neighbourhood are trying to sleep.

Secondly, they mention that they intend `retention of existing access`. Specifically, please insist (thank you!) that they are careful to retain the two sets of heavy duty gates which the previous owners (Harley Davidson who were actually very considerate neighbours) had, which were closed at night and prevented people coming into and driving around their car park for fun or competition late at night. I'm sure I do not need to say how often that happens with unmanned supermarket car parks.

Lastly, could you please insist they ensure that food deliveries involving noisy trucks happen at reasonable hours, after 9 a.m.; and, that the trucks park at the sides of their building away from the residential properties.)