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Dear Sir

**Application No. 2019/0366/FUL**  
**Pennylands House, High Street, Skelmersdale, WN8 8LP**

We have been instructed by The Skelmersdale Partnership who own and manage the Concourse Shopping Centre, to submit further representations in respect of the above detailed planning application. These representations should be read in conjunction with our correspondence dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021. This correspondence has been prepared to make you aware of a recent appeal decision in respect of a proposed Lidl retail store at Mansfield Road/Eastfield Site, Sutton in Ashfield, NG17 4HH (copy attached).

The two appeals were dismissed as the applicants were not able to meet the sequential test set out in the NPPF. You will note that the Inspector concluded that there was a sequentially preferable site within Sutton in Ashfield's town centre and that: -

**“Both appeals are in conflict with the NPPF in failing the sequential test. The proposals are in clear breach of the NPPF objective that planning decisions should support the role of town centres at the heart of their communities...”**

Clearly these circumstances are directly comparable to the current circumstances where there is a sequentially preferable site suitable within the Concourse Centre as previously outlined.

Furthermore, the loss of the retailer from the Concourse Centre will significantly impact on the vitality and viability of that part of the Town Centre and will curtail investment decisions going forward.

We trust that this information will be taken into account in the determination of this application as well as the other representations made in our earlier correspondence.

Yours faithfully



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