

Comments for Planning Application 2019/0366/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 2019/0366/FUL

Address: Pennylands House High Street Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 8LP

Proposal: Demolition of existing structures and erection of Class A1 foodstore and flexible use (Class A1/A2/A3) unit with associated access, car parking, servicing and hard and soft landscaping

Case Officer: Mrs H Leamey

Customer Details

Name: Miss Louise Quirk

Address: 52 Sandy Lane Skelmersdale

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour/Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support the proposal to build a new Aldi Store on the High Street in Old Skelmersdale. The Concourse Shopping Centre is a significant distance from Old Skelmersdale and Skelmersdale as a whole has a problem with local public transport links. Many people in this area travel out of town to shop as it is more convenient than using the Concourse which has limited shopping hours. Very little has been done on the town centre regeneration which residents have been waiting 10 years for and there is very little reason to believe will be completed to its original plan - now seems to be redirected to an out-of-town style retail park, not a town centre. The Concourse shopping centre have made very little effort over the last 20 years to improve its situation with high rents and empty units.

This store would allow a large area of town to have access to jobs and quality, value for money, grocery shopping. Whilst the co-op shop in the area is a valuable resource, the unit space and products available are limited and so is difficult to consider as an alternative to a large grocery store like Aldi.