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To: Councillor Bernard Fisher; <flo.clucas@btinternet.com>
Cc: Emma Pickernell
Subject: Planning Application for the former BMW site on Tewkesbury Road

Dear Councillors Clucas and Fisher

Application No: 17/00936/FUL: Erection of 2,856 sq.m food store (Use Class A1) and 223 sq.m of coffee shop retail and drive-thru (Use Class A1/A3) with associated landscaping, parking and infrastructure

You may know that the above application for a Lidl and Starbucks coffee at the former BMW site on Tewkesbury Road is coming to your planning committee next Thursday. We of course acknowledge some of the concerns raised, particularly over all night usage, and so the applicant is pleased to confirm that there will be no 24 hour operations as feared, and that they are agreeable to the restricted hours of openings as set out in the officers' report.

Lidl have been operating a website at <http://www.cheltenhamtewkesburyroad.lidl.co.uk> whereby people can view the proposals and contact Lidl with their comments. I have checked on the latest figures today which show the following support:-

Q1. Do you support a new Lidl discount foodstore & Starbucks in Cheltenham?

In response 373 people have voted with 77% saying yes, 19% saying no and 4% undecided.

Q2. Do you support a new Lidl discount foodstore & Starbucks at the former BMW and MINI Dealership, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham?

In response 353 people have voted with 70% saying yes, 26% saying no and 3% undecided.

In addition to these questions there has been the opportunity for signing an on-line petition in support of the proposals and, so far, 894 people have signed giving the proposals their support. The text of the petition is as follows:-

"We, the undersigned, fully support Lidl's proposed application for a new neighbourhood foodstore and Starbucks Drive-Thru at the former BMW and MINI Dealership, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham."

"We agree to our petition data being used to lobby local Councillors and Cheltenham Borough Council."

I trust these figures will be helpful in your deliberations and consideration of the site and, for the sake of transparency, I have also copied this email to Emma Pickernell, the planning case officer.

Please feel free to come back to me if you have any questions or need clarification on any points.

Thanks,

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