



Sustainability Statement

**Sainsbury's, Bannister Way,
Haywards Heath, RH16 1DG**

On behalf of Sainsbury's Supermarkets Limited

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Proposal: Installation of Scissor Lift

Location: Sainsbury's, Bannister Way, Haywards Heath, RH16 1DG

Efficient Use of Land and Infrastructure

The proposal involves development within the curtilage of an existing operational foodstore, making efficient use of previously developed land. The scissor lift will be located within the established service yard, beneath the existing canopy, and will not require any additional land take or significant alteration to the site layout.

Transport and Operational Efficiency

The installation of the scissor lift will improve the efficiency of goods handling operations, enabling larger volumes of stock to be transferred per delivery. This will reduce the frequency of HGV movements to and from the site, thereby lowering associated carbon emissions and contributing to improved air quality. This aligns with the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to promote sustainable transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Visual and Environmental Impact

The proposed equipment will be discreetly located within the service yard, largely screened from public view by existing boundary treatments. Its siting beneath the canopy ensures minimal visual impact and avoids harm to the character of the area. The development does not affect any designated heritage assets or conservation areas and is located in Flood Zone 1, indicating a low risk of flooding.

Biodiversity and Climate Resilience

The proposal qualifies for the de minimis exemption under the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) regulations, given its limited scale and location within a hardstanding service yard. Nonetheless, the development avoids harm to any existing green infrastructure and does not result in the loss of habitat or vegetation.

Construction and Materials

The scissor lift and associated pod will be prefabricated and installed with minimal on-site construction, reducing construction waste and disruption. Materials will be sourced in accordance with Sainsbury's corporate sustainability standards, which prioritise responsible procurement and energy efficiency.

Conclusion

The proposed installation of a scissor lift within the service yard of Sainsbury's, Haywards Heath represents a modest yet meaningful enhancement to the site's operational efficiency. By reducing delivery frequency, minimising visual and environmental impacts, and making effective use of existing infrastructure, the development supports the principles of sustainable growth as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and local planning policy. The proposal is proportionate, low-impact, and contributes positively to the store's long-term resilience and resource efficiency.



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