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DM/24/3077

Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 20/01/2025 9:58 AM from . Haywards Heath Town Council on behalf of Parish Consultation.

Application Summary

Reference:	DM/24/3077
Address:	Sussex House Perrymount Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 1DN
Proposal:	Demolition of the existing buildings and construction of a new food store (Use Class E(a)), with access, car and cycle parking, landscaping and associated works
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Comments Details

The Council supports this application and acknowledges that this proposal complies with the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan, which promotes the best use of brown field sites in the Town Council's designated Town Centre, for economic restoration.

However, it wishes to raise to make the following comments:

Comments: There is uncertainty about the Section 106 Contributions that this store would make to the Town Council and community.

There is a safety concern regarding the Cricket Club that plays on Clair Park which is adjacent to the proposed site. This Club is a community asset which has over 350 juniors and multiple adult teams. The office and car park currently situated on the site are empty at weekends when the Cricket Club plays and there is no

risk of injury to people, however the proposed supermarket brings different weekend conditions. The Cricket Club are also concerned about the loss of green buffer between the cricket field and the proposed site which may exacerbate the problem. The Council would like to reiterate support for the Cricket Club's concerns and recommend that Aldi work with the Cricket Club to provide adequate safety netting around the site, as the Cricket Club cannot be liable for any harm or damage that may occur on the proposed Aldi site as this would put the Cricket Club at risk of closure.

There is concern about the loss of the Post Office currently housed in the Budgens. Closure of this would leave only one Post Office for the whole of Haywards Heath, which the Council feels does not provide adequate facilities for the whole town.

There is concern about the proposal exacerbating traffic on an already busy road. Haywards Heath train station, a Category B station and the second busiest in the South East is situated close to the proposed site. Although the proposal has included a Traffic Consultation there is concern that this has not gone far enough or looked at current traffic during the busiest time periods.

Kind regards