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I agree with the comments made by [REDACTED] on 16/01/2025 in that I object to the proposal on the grounds that a development on the proposed site beside the station and close to two other large supermarkets, would be much better used for a residential development of apartments with underground parking or further office space.

Furthermore, it is not compatible with the Haywards Heath Town Centre Masterplan 2021.

1. The addition of a further supermarket is not in line with either the need to improve footfall and amenities in the centre of Haywards Heath (South Road) or the provision of office or residential space near the station and thus runs contrary to the Haywards Heath Town Centre Masterplan 2021 (HHTCM 2021)
2. It runs contrary to the above Plan's objective by placing a busy short term car park next to one of Haywards Heath public open green space, which, the Masterplan notes, provide the 'green lungs' for Haywards Heath (p11, HHTCM 2021).
3. The road capacity is already congested at certain times around the station and Sainsburys. Reducing rather than improving the flow of traffic around Commercial Square to direct people towards the "retail and town centre core" (p 44, HHTCM 2021) is a strategically stated aim in the Masterplan. Developing a large retail site around this area to detriment of the town centre rides roughshod through that policy.

In summary, this is an opportunity to encourage office space or much needed housing within walking distance of the station and build it sustainably. If another supermarket is required in Haywards Heath, it should be built in line with sustainability objectives and the Town Centre Masterplan, to boost the footfall towards the centre of the town. Drawing further traffic further into this area, right next to the eventual development of Clair Hall, is neither in line with stated planning objectives in the Haywards Heath Town Centre Masterplan 2021, nor desirable or necessary.

Yours,

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