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To: Plan Devcon

Subject: [External] Planning Conditions for 25/00400/FPM for Lidl on Maxwell Road SG1 2EW

We note that planning application 25/00400/FPM for Lidl on Maxwell Road will come to the Planning and Development committee next Tuesday 2nd December.

Before the meeting, Cycling UK Stevenage would like to clarify an important aspect of the proposed conditions. Condition 24 refers only to cycle parking; there is no Condition addressing cycle access routes into the site, in accordance with the recommendations from HCC Highways.

In the officer's report, Access sections 7.10.4 and 7.10.5 refer only to pedestrian access from Maxwell Road and Gunnels Wood Road respectively. Unlike the developer's Transport and Access statement, there is no reference at all to cycle access.

Cycle parking is addressed extensively in the planning officer's report but there is no information at all about the access **routes** to it from the adjacent cycleway network.

The consultee response from HCC Highways makes specific note of issues that Cycling UK raised regarding access **routes** from the cycleway network to the cycle parking provision.

"Before development commences, unless agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, details of cycling parking storage, **route**, provision and safety in accordance with National Guidance LTN-1, SP6 and with SBC Local Plan IT5 shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, in consultation with the Highway Authority."

"Whilst the HA acknowledges the Stevenage cycleway system provides extensive cycle routes between the site and residential areas to the north, east, south and west of the site, as well as the town centre to the south-east, however the applicant has not shown details of the location of the staff cycle parking and location, furthermore Cycling UK Stevenage have identified a number of concerns, issues and improvements: HCC cycle officer feels these matters can be dealt with by way of planning condition."

We are acutely aware that conditions to designate safe routes for people cycling to access the site and reach the cycle parking – without having to dismount and push their cycle - must be put in place at this stage.

Please could you confirm that, in line with the recommendation from the Highways Authority, Conditions about safe cycling **routes** will be included and made explicit at the Planning meeting?

Best Wishes

Jill Borcherds

On behalf of Cycling UK Stevenage

Cycling UK Cycle Advocacy Network
Campaigning to make cycling safe and accessible for everyone.