

Health Impact Assessment

Section 1

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Planning proposal and reference (if known) : ERECTION OF TWO UNITS FOR FOOD AND NON-FOOD RETAIL USE (USE CLASS E(A)), SERVICING AREA AND ACCESS, SUB-STATIONS, PLANT COMPOUNDS, REARRANGEMENT OF EXISTING CAR AND BICYCLE PARKING, MOTORCYCLE PARKING, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS. 25/00627/FUL	

Please provide a brief summary of the proposal
The proposal will comprise a single building that will be sub-divided to provide a Lidl discount foodstore and a second smaller retail unit (with unknown occupier at this stage). Modest alterations will be made to existing car parking and footways to the front of the building, which will continue to be shared with neighbouring occupiers. A dedicated service yard accessed from Telegraph Way will be located to the rear of the building.

Please provide a brief summary of any planned or completed consultation
The proposal forms Phase II of an approved regeneration scheme, which has been subject to extensive previous public consultation. The Applicant has refrained from undertaking any further consultation at this stage due to legal obligations. However, the proposed retail building is not materially different in design, appearance or use when compared to that previously approved. Once the planning application has been validated, a press release will be issued to announce the submission and invite public comments on the application.

Section 2

There are 5 themes in the assessment which are taken from the overarching strategy [Knowsley 2030](#). In order to complete the assessment you need to:-

-) Consider whether each question applies to your proposal – tick Y/N as appropriate.
 -) Assess whether the impact is positive or negative, and the level of the impact – severe, moderate or weak.
 -) Provide a brief summary of the evidence for your answer, including design and mitigation where appropriate. Reference to more detailed evidence and information can be made.
 -) In some responses reference will need to be made to existing, local facilities, particularly in terms of employment, transport and health provision. You will need to consider the local elements as well as Knowsley as a whole.
 -) Consider all the different population groups within your answer. It may be the case that different groups are impacted in different ways, negatively and positively.
 - o Age
 - o Those with disabilities or low mobility
 - o Gender
 - o Ethnicity
 - o Religion or belief
 - o Socio-economic position (defined by education, employment status, income, household composition)
 - o Vulnerable and inclusion health groups (eg homeless, prison leavers, care leavers)
 - o Area based variations by deprivation, service provision, urban or rural setting
 - o Also consider those impacted by the development now, and in the future
 -) Please refer to the guidance document for further assistance and to [Building for a Healthy Life](#) for practical examples of how to make a development healthier
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-) The assessment will be reviewed by Knowsley's Public Health and Planning teams. For further guidance please contact Public Health on publichealth@knowsley.gov.uk

A place with welcoming, vibrant, well-connected neighbourhoods and town centres	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
Describe how the proposal will create mixed communities with a variety of tenures and uses	Y		P	M	The proposal will introduce a national multiple discount foodstore operator to Kirkby, which will extend the choice of food and non-food goods available to local people, and encourage competition between retailers.
Describe the range of housing types and sizes, including affordable housing and how this responds to local housing needs		N			N/A
How does the proposal provide and enhance access to the public transport network?	Y		P	M	The site is located within Kirkby Town Centre, which is highly accessible by a choice of means of transport, including non-car modes of travel. Existing bus stops are located in easy walking distance of the site in both directions.
Describe how the proposal addresses the needs of people who are car dependent	Y		P	S	The proposal will share the existing town centre car park with neighbouring uses. Additional provision will be made for the less mobile and Parent & Child parking.
Does the proposal include adequate parking as set out in the Ensuring Choice of Travel SPD and are electric vehicle charging points included?	Y		P	M	The Council has previously determined that the car parking provision within the town centre car park (and neighbouring multi-storey car park) is adequate to meet the demands generated by the town centre regeneration scheme.
Describe how the proposal provides and enhances sustainable transport facilities	Y		P	M	The proposal is well related to existing routes and services to encourage travel by sustainable transport. Cycle parking and motorcycle parking facilities will be provided.
Is the proposal designed to include traffic management and calming measures to help reduce and minimise road injuries?		N			N/A



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How will the proposal minimise waste and the use of new materials?	Y		P	M	All waste generated by the Lidl store will be separated into separate waste streams and removed on departing delivery vehicles for recycling, re-use or disposal at the Regional Distribution Centre in Runcorn.
Will a plan be in place to mitigate the impacts of dust, noise, smoke, light and odours during construction?	Y		P	M	A Construction Environmental Management Plan will be agreed with the Council prior to the commencement of construction, which will details the measures for controlling potential adverse effects during the construction phase.
Will the proposal have any measures to minimise air pollution and ensure that existing sources of air pollution do not impact on residents?	Y		P	S	The Lidl store will be serviced by one or two delivery vehicles per day, which will also remove all waste from the store, thereby removing the need for separate waste collections. Delivery vehicles also have their engines turned off during the delivery process. The Lidl store will be heated using an air source heat pump.
How will the proposal minimise noise pollution caused by the development and ensure that existing sources of noise will not impact on new homes and open spaces?	Y		P	S	A noise assessment has been prepared, which concludes that, when assessing the cumulative noise effects of both the delivery process and the operation of external plant located within the plant compound, the noise generated by the proposed development will result in no impact during the daytime and a limited low impact during the night time period.

A place with a thriving, inclusive economy, with opportunities for people and business	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
How will the proposal allow local residents to access employment opportunities during the construction phase?	Y		P	S	The submitted Employment & Skills Plan details the approach towards local employment during the construction phase
When operational how will the proposal provide accessible and diverse employment opportunities appropriate to the skill sets present in the local community?	Y		P	M	The submitted Employment & Skills Plan details the approach towards local employment during the operational phase.

Does the proposal provide opportunities for community activities and /or the voluntary and community sector?	Y		P	M	The store will be encouraged to contribute towards local community activities and initiatives, to include supporting food banks.
Describe how the proposal creates an attractive business location that encourages investment (e.g. good infrastructure, clean and pleasant environment)	Y		P	M	The proposed retail development will be located in Kirkby Town Centre, which is a sustainable and preferred location for such development where it will be accessible to all sections of the local community
Describe how the proposal creates healthy workplaces	Y		P	M	The Lidl store will be set out in an efficient format, enabling staff to undertake their duties in the most efficient manner. Staff welfare facilities will be provided, to include a kitchen and breakout area and changing rooms.

A place where people are active and healthy and have access to the support they need	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
How has the proposal assessed the location and accessibility of social infrastructure (e.g. schools, and community facilities)?	Y		P	S	The proposed retail development will be located in Kirkby Town Centre, which is a sustainable and preferred location for such development where it will be accessible to all sections of the local community. The proposal will be well placed to take advantage of existing infrastructure
How will the proposal allow people with mobility problems or a disability to access buildings and places?	Y		P	S	The Lidl store will have accessible parking spaces closest to the store entrance and level thresholds throughout, to include the customer WC.
How will the proposal provide, retain and enhance open and natural spaces?	Y		N	W	The application site has been recently redeveloped to accommodate a temporary car park pending the delivery of the proposed development. Existing open space comprises grass only. The proposal will deliver a landscaping scheme that will enhance the quality of the environment around the proposed building and the wider character of the area. BNG obligations will be satisfied.

Describe how the proposal includes opportunities for active play and exercise		N			N/A
Describe how the proposal links into open and natural spaces for all community groups	Y		P	W	The proposal will preserve existing routes and linkages through and around the site and surrounding area
How does the proposal reduce the need to travel especially by car?	Y		P	S	The proposed retail development will be located in Kirkby Town Centre, which is a sustainable and preferred location for such development where it will be accessible to all sections of the local community. The proposal will highly accessible by non-car modes of travel
How will nearby education and employment opportunities be accessible by public transport, and walking or cycling routes?		N			N/A
How will walking / cycling away from the main traffic routes be encouraged?		N			N/A
Have low carbon heating solutions been considered?	Y		P	S	An air source heat pump will provide heating to the Lidl store
What energy efficiency measures have been considered?	Y		P	S	Solar panels will be installed on the building roof to help meet electricity demands. Energy efficient/energy saving plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings will be installed in the Lidl store.
How does the development offset the carbon emissions it produces?					The accompanying Energy & Sustainability Statement concludes that the Lidl store will achieve a 156.55% carbon dioxide reduction and a 170.53% energy reduction, when assessed to Part L 2021 Building Regulations and accounting for the proposed passive, active and LZC strategies.



A place where people of all ages are confident and can achieve their full potential	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact)	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
Will all homes meet at least the minimum requirements set out in the Nationally Described Space Standards in order to be adequately 'liveable'?		N			N/A
Will there be provision of homes that enable older and disabled people to live independent lives?		N			N/A
Has accessibility been considered eg Will homes be wheelchair accessible inside and out?		N			N/A
Describe how the proposal may reduce fuel poverty through energy efficiency measures such as insulation		N			N/A
Describe any measures taken to reduce risk of overheating in homes		N			N/A
Describe how you will ensure that damp, condensation and mould growth is prevented through the provision of heating, ventilation and drying facilities		N			N/A
Do all homes have access to private outdoor space?		N			N/A



A place where strong and safe communities can shape their future	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
Does the proposal facilitate community integration i.e. land uses which encourage social interaction?	Y		P	W	The proposal will bring all sectors of the community together and allow for social interaction with staff and other customers
Has the proposal been designed to incorporate crime prevention measures and to reduce the fear of crime?	Y		P	M	As range of crime prevention measures will be installed in the Lidl store to include CCTV, access controls, staff surveillance and product tagging, with the site also being laid out to encourage natural surveillance. The service yard will be enclosed with a gate over the access to prevent unauthorised access.
Does the proposal prioritise making security, management and maintenance easy?	Y		P	M	The proposal has been designed to operate in an efficient manner, with the choice of high quality materials, fixtures and equipment seeking to minimise management and maintenance
Are there opportunities for digital inclusion?		N			N/A