



PRESS RELEASE

Reference: Lidl Planning Application in Gilston Road

The Chamber has maintained a clear and consistent stance throughout the above application. We recognise that there is a need for a Lidl, (or similar), type operation in Saltash, and if it was in the town centre, we would support it.

When, however, there are empty shops in Fore Street, it is clearly wrong to change the use of industrial land which is in itself, a very sparse commodity. The town has lost some large industrial companies in recent history, due to the lack of industrial land for them to expand.

It would also have gone against Government, and District guidelines.

This wasn't a view that was solely held by the Chamber. We were supported by Saltash Town Council, Caradon's Planning Officers, and Cornwall Enterprise.

At the recent Caradon District Council meeting, this was also the view of the overwhelming majority of councillors.

We were pleased that the views and concerns of the industrial community were listened to, but would like to work with all interested parties to see if there is a way Lidl, (or similar) could be accommodated in the town centre.

This will be our only comment on the matter.

CHAMBER HISTORY

The Chamber has been in existence since 1950 and currently has 40 members. We represent our members on the Saltash Partnership, Mayfair Committee, Market & Coastal Town Initiative, Gateway to Cornwall Theme Group and the Industry, Commerce and Transportation Committee. We also have links to Plymouth Chamber, and liaise with the other local Chambers. We liaise also with Saltash Town Council on behalf of our members.

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