

Objection to Aldi application, ref 22/04095/FUL

(Objects)

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I am the manager of the business improvement district for West Norwood and Tulse Hill (Station to Station BID).

As a BID we believe that the proposed site would be detrimental to local businesses and the high street as a whole. The proposed site encourages shoppers to visit by car and is too far removed from the core shopping area to bring footfall to the high street.

The area is already extremely well served with a good mix of national supermarket chains as well as franchised and private mini markets, all within walking distance. There is also a large Lidl store only a couple of minutes drive away.

The site, derelict for over 25 years, would be far better used for the industrial purpose it is designated for. London as a whole is seeing a huge increase in the value of industrial land, and Norwood Works, Lambeth's largest industrial estate, is no exception. If the landowner could be persuaded to lease the land to an industrial business or workspace provider, this would provide local jobs and places to work.

The area simply does not need another supermarket!