

DC Admin

From: Kerri Simpson
Sent: 22 April 2026 08:56
To: DC Admin
Subject: FW: Objection to Planning Application 2026/62/90271/E – Pilgrim Foodservice, Forge Lane, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury

Hi DC Admin,

Could we please log Cllr Darwans comments?

Thanks,

Kerri

From: Cllr Hanifa Darwan <Hanifa.Darwan@kirklees.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 April 2026 21:43
To: Kerri Simpson <Kerri.Simpson@kirklees.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Planning Application 2026/62/90271/E – Pilgrim Foodservice, Forge Lane, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury

Dear Keri,

I am writing on behalf of my constituents to formally object to planning application 2026/62/90271/E relating to the proposed change of use at Pilgrim Foodservice, Forge Lane, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury.

My constituents have raised serious concerns that, despite being described as a “wholesale supermarket”, the proposal is in reality a large retail supermarket intended for general public use. They believe the application description is misleading and does not accurately reflect the true nature of the development.

There are also major concerns regarding the location of the site in an area that already experiences heavy traffic congestion, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times. Local roads are frequently busy and overcrowded, creating safety risks for pedestrians, families, school children, and other road users. The addition of a large supermarket would only worsen existing congestion and make the area even less safe.

It should also be taken into account that a previous Lidl supermarket application for this site was opposed by Kirklees Council and later withdrawn. My constituent believes the same concerns remain relevant and should be fully considered when determining this current application.

Further concerns include parking shortages, increased noise, harm to residential amenity, and the likely negative impact on existing local businesses, nearby town centres, and local centres.

In addition, it has been highlighted that key supporting assessments and documents appear to be missing, including transport, flood risk, environmental, drainage, ecology, and noise reports. These omissions raise concerns as to whether the application can be properly assessed.

Given the scale of concerns raised, I respectfully urge the Council to refuse this application.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge these objections and keep me informed of any updates.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Darwan

On behalf of a concerned constituent

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