



#LidlSurprises Proposed redevelopment of the existing Lidl Store, New Road, Crook, DL15 8PU

SITE BACKGROUND

The application site comprises the existing Lidl foodstore (previously Co-op) located alongside New Road, within Crook town centre. The site is bounded by Crook Community Centre to the north and Crook Police Station to the east. To the south is Glenholme Drive, and New Road (B6298) to the west.

The site itself extends to approximately 1ha and currently accommodates an existing foodstore, delivery yard located to the rear of the site and a petrol filling station to the east of the site. Existing customer access is provided by two access points to the south and east of the site off Glenholme Drive, with a separate servicing access provided off Croft Street, located to the north west of the site.

THE PROPOSAL

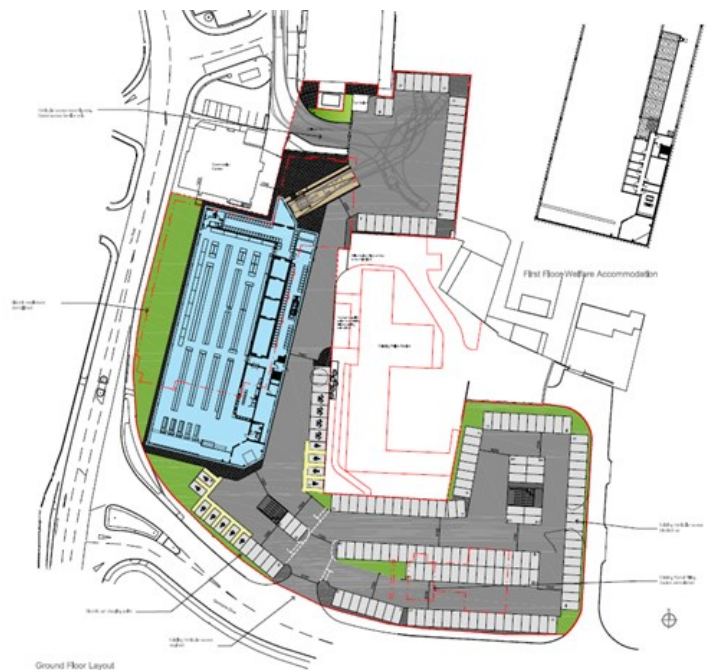
The proposed development comprises the demolition of the existing Lidl store and existing Petrol Filling Station, and the erection of a replacement two storey building to accommodate a new Lidl foodstore.

The existing vehicular access off Glenholme Drive to the south of the site will be retained, with the access to the west on Glenholme Drive, which currently serves the petrol filling station, being blocked off. Lidl's delivery vehicles will utilise the reconfigured delivery access and delivery yard to the north west of the site. The service yard will have a gated access to service vehicles only, with vehicles accessing the yard in forward gear and reversing into the loading bay. All waste will be collected during store delivery hours, thereby minimising daily HGV movements in and out of the site.

The retail parking allocation includes a total of 182 parking spaces, including 11 disabled spaces and 4 parent and child spaces which are positioned close to the customer entrance. There will also be one electric car parking charging point.

The customer store entrance is located on the south east corner of the building fronting onto the car park. The shopfront has a full height glazed elevation extending to the width of the sales area which provides an active frontage when entering the site.

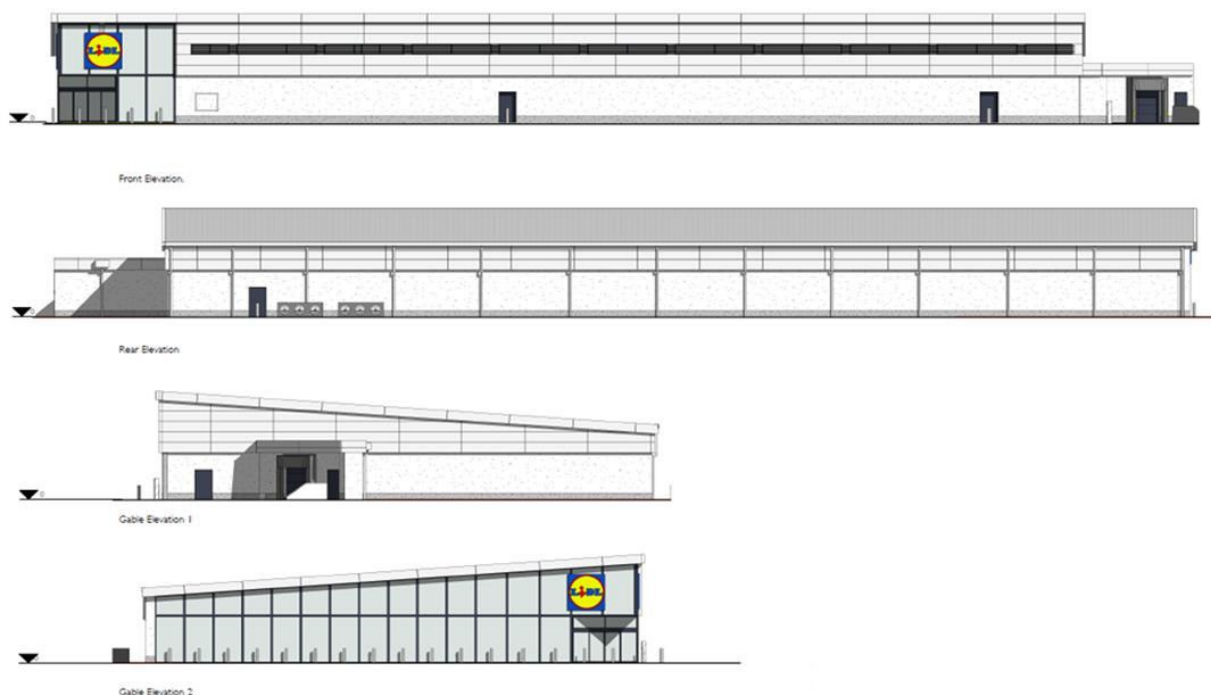
The retail element of the scheme can also be reached via a pedestrian access on New Road, to the east of the site. Adjacent to the store entrance are cycle racks to encourage more sustainable modes of transport by Lidl customers. Trolley bays are positioned opposite the store entrances and within the customer car park.



BENEFITS OF NEW STORE

The redevelopment of the site will provide the following benefits to the local area:

- A reconfigured store which provides a clean and fresh shopping experience to meet the needs of customers.
- Improved shopping choice and provision of a mainstream discount operator for Crook.
- A contemporary building design that will be complimentary to the surrounding area.
- A reconfigured site layout that provides additional parking spaces, including disabled, parent and child and an electronic charging point.
- The reconfigured layout (including the closure of the existing access to the east of the site) improves safety and flow of movement through the site for customers.
- Continued employment and additional employment opportunities being retained in Crook.
- New landscaping will be provided surrounding the site improving the visual amenity of the site.



NEXT STEPS

Thank you for taking the time to review the available online information. We hope you found it useful and informative. We would like to ensure a cohesive relationship with the local community throughout the development process, as such your feedback is very important to us.

Please provide your feedback by **Wednesday 10th June** using the following email address: lidlcrook@rapleys.co.uk

Alternatively, if you would prefer to submit your comments in writing please use the following address:

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Once we have received and considered your comments, and subject to any further discussions with Officers at Durham County Council, our proposals will be finalised and it is anticipated an application will be submitted later in June 2015.