

P624. APPEAL 201718 – LAND SOUTH OF LEADON WAY & EAST DYMOCK ROAD LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR8 2JQ – DEELEY PROPERTIES LTD & COUNTRYWIDE FARMERS PLC

Members were advised that this item had been referred to the Planning Committee for a decision on who should represent Ledbury Town Council at the upcoming appeal and what their mandate would be.

Councillor Morris suggested that Councillor Bannister should attend the appeal process as he has done before. All councillors were in favour.

Councillor Bradford queried if the town council are supporting this appeal and if the nominated Councillor attending should be supporting it, stating that he was in support of the application.

Councillor Howells stated that supermarkets have a detrimental impact on the towns traffic and felt that the council should not change their mind on rejecting the appeal. He proposed that Councillor Bannister represent the Council by way of a statement at the appeal.

Councillor Bradford made the councillors aware that the residents of Ledbury were looking forward to having a Lidl or and Aldi in town because of the effects of the cost of living.

Councillor Shields asked whether there any advantages to this application be approved. Councillor Sims stated that it would not have a good impact on a thriving market town like Ledbury if current supermarkets were to go under due to the addition of a further supermarket. Councillor Howells agreed and advised that a retail impact report had been undertaken by Herefordshire Council in respect of this application which had identified that a further supermarket such as this would be detrimental to the independent shops in Ledbury and could do some damage to the town. He did indicate that it was likely that With the planned housing within Ledbury it would be conceivable that a further supermarket would be beneficial in the future.

Discussions took place around the proposed medical centre as part of this development. Councillor Howells advised that provision had been made within the NDP for possible sites or a medical centre in Ledbury.

Councillor Bradford requested a named vote.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Councillor Bannister represent Ledbury Town Council at the appeal in respect of Planning Application 201718 Land South of Leadon Way & East Dymock Road, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2JQ – Deeley properties Ltd & Countrywide Farmers PLC.**

**For: Councillors Bannister, Howells, Morris, Shields, and Sims
Against: Councillor Bradford.**

2. **That Councillor Bannister be given a mandate to read a statement out at the appeal in support of the Councils original position in objecting to this application on the grounds of retail impact on the town centre.**