



There has now been press coverage of the CRA's meeting on Saturday, 28th July, so I would like to correct some impressions that have been given.

Residents decided that the CRA should now change its policy towards Lidl from one of opposition to that of mitigation of the effects of the new store once built. The reasons for this are that it has become clear, based on a barrister's opinion, that a judicial review of the process of determining the second application would be unlikely to succeed in court and require funding at an unsustainable level.

Given that Lidl have advised the Council that they will withdraw from their appeal on the first application if the second is approved, we assume that this will now go ahead and we have decided therefore to discontinue work on the appeal documents. I do not think that this is "admitting defeat" as the press have reported and I think that a large proportion of residents will continue to feel strongly about the effects of the new store when it comes.

After putting so much time and effort into the campaign over three years, this has not been an easy decision to make, but it is a pragmatic one and it will allow the CRA to devote more time to improving Chellaston as a whole and developing it as a more integrated community.

We will develop our strategy for our new direction in the coming weeks and, in the meantime, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the campaign with considerable amounts of time, effort and generous contributions which have got us to this point. We have at least achieved a slightly better looking store and Aldi will have the satisfaction of opening first!

John Bowden
Chairman.