

# SHRA

**Sovereign Harbour Residents Association**



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*Dear EBC Planning First,*

**Planning Application reference 220849 - Proposal: Erection of Class E foodstore alongside access, parking, landscaping, and associated works.**

The Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA) represents the collective view of over 2000 Sovereign Harbour residents who are members of the Association.

Like almost all of the residents who have contacted us, or we have spoken to about the proposals, we share the view that the proposed plans in this application for a large retail store would be inappropriate for this residential area and that any retail store should be located within another retail hub, such as the nearby Sovereign Harbour Retail Park. We also believe that the plans would negatively impact the lives and ambience of North Harbour residents and that for both these reasons they should be rejected.

Our objections are based on material issues arising from:

- The inevitable increase in traffic on Pacific Drive, the only vehicular access for all North Harbour residential properties, the Harbour Medical Centre, the lifeboat station, the Yacht Club and The Waterfront.
- There being only one vehicular entrance/exit to the Aldi site.
- All vehicular access to and from the Aldi site being on Pacific Drive.
- The HGV delivery arrangements.
- Negative noise and light environmental concerns for neighbours and residents.
- Earlier EBC statements ruling out retail buildings on the site.

The issues are fully detailed in the attached Traffic and Safety Report and Policy and Impacts Report that are part of our submission.

We also share the many concerns additionally raised in the hundreds of pertinent objections submitted to you by the North Harbour residents. It is worth noting that the concerns now being mentioned were all raised with the developers during their consultation period but were ignored.

It is our contention that because of the traffic, vehicular safety, and environment issues we raise, along with the concerns and objections contained in the other submissions from Harbour residents, along with EBC earlier ruling out retail units on 7a, the application should be denied.

We should like to attend and address the planning meeting.

Yours sincerely

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Attached:

Traffic and Safety Report

Policy and Impacts Report