



Consultation on the Future of the Porcupine 21st April, 2018

The Story So Far.....

The Porcupine Public House was bought by Lidl and closed without notice in March 2013. Lidl was met by an outcry from customers and local residents. An Asset of Community Value listing (ACV), was granted in June, 2013 the Porcupine Development Committee (PDC), was established to acquire the asset for the community. A Community Interest Company (not for profit) was established & The PDC attempted to engage with Lidl & seek an acceptable outcome. The ACV ensured that the community had time to raise finance and seek a public house/chain to develop the business. An independent valuation of £1.1 million was obtained.

Lidl made it very clear from the beginning that they would not co-operate with the community and set an excessive price, £1.7million. Sealed bids in excess of £1million were all rejected as inadequate. The Asset of Community Value expires in June, 2018. Lidl have effectively circumvented the Community Asset legislation through over-valuing the site. They have decided to reapply for planning permission for a Lidl store and an application is expected by early summer, 2018.

The MRA & PDC are seeking your views on the way forward for the village. Everyone would like to see the removal of the blue hoarding, an eyesore at the gateway to the village. Three options appear below. The fourth is left blank for your suggestion, which **must** be financially viable.

Please let us know your preference by completing the Consultation at survey@yourmra.org or by completing the form below & posting it in the box in Mottingham Library by Saturday, 22nd April, 2018. Results of the Consultation will be published on the MRA website, www.yourmra.org & on posters in the Library and on the Noticeboard outside the Mottingham Methodist Church.

Lidl's Planning Application will be published as soon as it is received.



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I would prefer the MRA/PDC to adopt the following option: Please tick one box.

- 1. To continue to oppose the planning application for a Lidl store by any means available to us including applying for a new ACV?
- 2. To oppose the application only on road & traffic safety and appearance. (The main grounds for rejection in 2013 were traffic related.)
- 3. To seek to engage with Lidl to sell the site for, say, housing, which would attract a higher price for the site.
- 4. My suggestion is :

Signed address or email.....