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Flood risk
The potential for flooding issues to arise will only get naturally worse due to climate change. Allowing the erection of the Lidl store and knowingly adding extra stress to a known high flood risk area would be highly irresponsible. The river constantly floods across the park end near the town already!
If the plan to remove surface water is to connect to the currently installed pipework then this will be a disaster - probably with immediate consequences. The surface water manhole covers have already lifted in our road over recent years due to heavy rainfall not being able to move through to the river efficiently enough. What will happen if ,downstream, more water enters the pipework from the proposed Lidl site.
It will back up to properties like ours and others in the surrounding area.
You will, if you allow planning permission, be drawing many hundreds of homes into a much higher risk category than previously experienced. Too many of these flood risk sites are being abused to the point that it's not a risk anymore but an inevitability that flooding will occur.

Noise
Our main concern is during the hours of 10pm - 6am Air source heat pumps have compressors. These cannot be fully silenced no matter what insulation is installed around them. Noise from machinery magnifies during ambient night time quiet hours . There is basically nothing to stop the air being filled with a constant humming noise. People in their own homes will not be able to enjoy fresh air with their windows open because this noise will permeate into their rooms. During the late evening and early morning hours there is virtually no traffic noise so the constant humming of compressors will be the most prevalent sound you will hear.

All during the Day (and Night) there will be constant Delivery vehicles. These use large metal barrows to offload and load on to the vehicle. Therefore each period of delivery will consist of constant banging of metal barrows hitting and clanking together. This may not be all night, however it will be enough to break into sleep patterns and potentially wake people up. During the day it will add to the many other increases in noise.
Most large car parks attract groups of youths that often become rowdy. Skate boarders and potentially youths in cars doing 'doughnuts' will also be attracted to the car park. All of this additional noise is not currently there at the moment.
During the day the current noise levels we experience will clearly worsen due to extra traffic, cars starting up, doors banging and general consumer noise.

Traffic
Cars trying to exit Owl Way onto Main Street already have issues with regards to oncoming traffic from Main Street due to the existing volume of traffic. If the volume increases it's inevitable that traffic accidents will occur.

Owl way is already used as a 'rat run and this will increase exponentially as the current traffic numbers also increases.
This will create extra noise and pollution affecting peoples health.

Air pollution
Air pollution in the local area is a huge concern due to the many thousands of additional cars coming into the area- again causing both noise and health pollution issues.

[redacted] If [redacted] Emergency Services cannot exit Owl Way quickly it could lead to a life or death incident.
Cars accelerating from a standstill create higher levels of fumes than cars cruising. This will exacerbate the health issues further.
The increase of car fumes will have a detrimental impact on everyone's lives in this local area.

We do not want or need this Lidl store that will affect us badly in so many ways.
There are many other stores in place (some within walking distance) for everyone to currently use. Lidl themselves say the proposed build will take customers away from their current store in Huntingdon.
Lidl also say it will attract people from Warboys , however they currently use the Chatteris Aldi so why would they bother to use Huntingdon Lidl. Moving the proposed site nearer to Warboys would be the way to give people more incentive to use a different store than the Chatteris Aldi one.