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Dear Sir or Madam:

ASDA/Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College Exhibition: 6th and 7th July, 2012

I attended the Public Exhibition by ASDA and CMSC of their proposal for a supermarket on the Hibbert Lane CMSC site and a redeveloped Buxton Lane site. I have considered the proposals and formed an opinion as follows:

The ASDA proposal for the Hibbert Lane site is not in the interests of the people of Marple and will significantly reduce the quality of life for Marple residents. Specifically,

- (i) A supermarket would be inappropriate in a residential area, especially with the long opening hours and facilities proposed.
- (ii) The increased competition from another supermarket would cause local Marple businesses to close, with loss of employment and damage to the community.
- (iii) The increased congestion from customer cars and delivery trucks will make the roads in and around Marple more difficult and unpleasant.

I am making these points directly to you, as the questionnaire provided by ASDA at the exhibition was biased. It was based on the assumption that an ASDA supermarket will be built. It did not address the basic question of whether Marple wants a supermarket at Hibbert Lane or not.

I would also like to point out that ASDA and CMSC were selective in who they informed about the exhibition. In particular, it seems that Marple residents in the area likely to be damaged by the proposals were not informed, while people in surrounding towns areas (and likely to shop in a new ASDA) were leafleted by both ASDA and CMSC. In this context the results of any questionnaires from the exhibition will be doubly biased in favour of the proposal. Please make note of this point when considering any planning applications.

Yours sincerely