



Presentation to Marple Area Committee 24 August 2011



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Marple in Action is a community group formed in response to the threat of a proposed supermarket opening on Hibbert Lane

Many strands of the community are represented and supportive

- Residents of all ages and types
 - Business - retail and non-retail
 - Marple Civic Society
 - Marple Business Forum
 - Marple Community Council
 - Churches Together in Marple
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- Additionally local Conservative, the Green Party, Labour and Lib Dems have all pledged support



Aims and Objectives of Marple in Action

- To raise public awareness of the issues
- To ensure that the community is represented at all levels of negotiations via MiA and is consulted with throughout
- To persuade the Principal and Governors to reconsider selling the land to a supermarket
- To ensure that the College has a long-term commitment to Marple
- To persuade the Principal and Governors to consult with the community on an acceptable alternative
- To show the developers that a supermarket is not welcome on Hibbert Lane site
- To persuade the Council to reject the proposal and any appeals



Marple in Action thinks that a large retail development on this site would be disastrous for Marple in many ways:

- Residents - especially elderly living adjacent and close to proposed development and along the routes into Marple will be adversely affected
- Quality of life and house prices in the immediate vicinity will be affected
- Environment – more traffic congestion
- Will need drastic changes in the road system
- Is not in character of the village – lose uniqueness and distinctiveness
- Runs counter to the 'Vision for Marple' already supported by SMBC
- Local Economy – money spent in local shops stays in local economy longer than money spent in supermarkets
- Loss of jobs and business closures - will affect the vitality and viability of the town centre



Marple in Action preliminary on-line research shows of 252 respondents

- Over 80% are against the proposal to build a supermarket on Hibbert Lane
- 37% don't think we need another supermarket in Marple at all
- 156 additional face-to-face interviews in Marple show similar results although full analysis has yet to be done

Over 3,500 names have been collected on the petition against the supermarket development on Hibbert Lane

Over 1,000 residents joined the March for Marple on Saturday