



MARPLE *in* ACTION UPDATE

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BREAKING NEWS

The YPLA has now given consent to the College to enter into a conditional contract to sell the Hibbert Lane site. This consent is conditional on planning permission being secured on the Hibbert Lane site as well as planning permission being secured for a new build development on the College's Buxton Lane site in order to accommodate the provision that currently takes place at the Hibbert Lane site.

RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES CONTINUE TO FIGHT AGAINST A SUPERMARKET BEING BUILT ON HIBBERT LANE CAMPUS

We now have it on good authority that the supermarket favoured by the College is ASDA, but the sale of land depends on ASDA getting planning permission. Stockport Council expect to receive a planning application April/May 2012.

ASDA PRICE GUARANTEE IS TOO MUCH FOR MARPLE

Our focus in the coming weeks is to persuade ASDA they are not welcome on Hibbert Lane. We have been gathering evidence of people's attitudes towards a supermarket development since August via the petitions and our Shopper Survey. So far 7 1/2 thousand people have signed the petitions and those that signed the on-line petition have left plenty of comments about how much they do not want a supermarket on Hibbert Lane. The aim is for 10,000 plus names on the petition as this would then represent over half the adult population of Marple. If you haven't already signed the petition you will find copies in the shops in Marple, at the Marple in Action Saturday Stall on Market Street (not open during December, but we will be back in the New Year) or you can go on-line www.marple-in-action.org.uk and follow the link 'sign the petition'. Remind friends and family to sign also, please but don't sign more than once.



322 people have completed the on-line Shopper Survey: 249 are against a supermarket on Hibbert Lane which is an overwhelming 77.33% of respondents. 111 people don't think another supermarket is needed in Marple at all (34.47% of respondents). 70 people think a supermarket should be located in the town centre or somewhere else [other than Hibbert Lane] (21.75% of respondents). 82 think there is plenty of choice already or prefer to use local shops (25.47%). 7 don't like big supermarkets (2.17%).

Comments added about the Co-op, some love it, some hate it, some think it is overpriced, some think it needs competition to make it improve. Other concerns expressed relate to loss of local shops, change in character of the town, loss of community, traffic congestion, cost of parking, loss of educational facilities, the need for more housing, need for investment, shops not open at times to suit customers.

CHADWICK STREET CAR PARK (Chapel Fields and Marple Sorting Office)

Stockport Council are proposing to market Chadwick Street car park to developers in the new year. This is a potential site for a supermarket in the town centre.

GIPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES

The Council is going through a legal exercise, part of which involves identifying places that could potentially be developed into travellers' sites at some time in the future. There's no reason to think they will be developed, there are no proposals to do so, and it might be that they turn out to be unsuitable anyway.

All the areas identified are currently being used for other purposes, and there is nothing in these proposals that might change that.

Here's the detail from the Council:

Providing sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople is a borough-wide issue. There were no sites put forward specifically for this use during the Call for Sites exercise in March, therefore it is necessary to seek a site(s) in each area.

ASDA SUPERSTORE MARPLE	
D'S WHITE'S	£0.00
ARCHERS	£0.00
WILSON'S	£0.00
ALL THINGS NICE	£0.00
LITTLEWOODS	£0.00
MARPLE FISH	£0.00
BOOTS	£0.00
GREG'S	£0.00
STATIONERY SUPPLIES	£0.00
NEWSAGENTS	£0.00
SVC LIGHTING	£0.00
BARGAIN BOOZE	£0.00
J H NEALS	£0.00
THE ROLLING PIN	£0.00
PADS PAWS & CLAWS	£0.00
ICELAND	£0.00
GOLDEN PLATE	£0.00
TOYMASTER	£0.00
DOUBLE FOUR RECORDS	£0.00
SUPERDRUG	£0.00
*TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE	£0.00
THORNTONS	£0.00
HALLMARK	£0.00
BADGED BY DAVENPORTS	£0.00
CO-OP PHARMACY	£0.00
M & A MCPHEE	£0.00
GREENHALGH'S	£0.00
TDAST	£0.00
TOTAL CHANGE DUE	£0.00

Using the Core Strategy's basic criteria, the sites/areas have been identified as being suitably located for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites. The basic criteria used do not, however, take account of things such as residential amenity, transport/highway issues, a site's individual physical characteristics, etc. which would have to be considered before any site was allocated or developed for this use.

At this stage the Council is not proposing that these sites should be used for this purpose or that these are the only sites which may be suitable, or even that these sites are appropriate or that other location aren't appropriate - it is an exercise to identify sites that meet the basic locational criteria, and wanting to know if there are any reasons why sites that are suitably located should be ruled in or out. Another consideration is that the sites listed may be more suitable for other uses.

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 of the campaign.

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

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Allocations DPD consultation is closed

The Allocations DPD Consultation phase 2 – Issues and Options – is now closed. Thank you to all those people who took the time and trouble to visit the MIA stall in Market Street and complete the response form and those who completed the response on-line. The responses are being collated by the Planning Policy Team and when the results are known Phase 3 – Preferred Options – will be open for consultation. If all goes to plan this will take place between May and mid/late June 2012. We will let you know the number of responses from phase 2 when the Council have logged them.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Write to ASDA (see sample letter)
Sign the petition (but only once) – paper or on-line and encourage friends and family to
Complete the on-line shopper survey
Check Marple in Action webpages for up-to-date information www.marple-in-action.org.uk
Have a great Christmas and New Year

A HELPING HAND

Marple in Action has much to do, it's likely to be a long campaign, so the more helping hands we have the better. We already have a number of technical and professional people working behind the scenes, but we could use more help, so if you have related skills, expertise or knowledge and would like to help please get in touch using our hotline number or email your contact details to:

technical@marple-in-action.org.uk

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND DONATIONS
Running an on-going campaign like this takes funding, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have generously donated towards the campaign so far.



www.marple-in-action.org.uk
Action Helpline: 07790 419494

Dear Mr Clarke,

Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College

I read that your company is planning to buy Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College, demolish it and build a supermarket. As a resident of Marple, I am both shocked and amazed. The shock is from learning that we now live in a country that closes schools to open supermarkets. My amazement is that a company such as yours that spends so much to project a positive image would ever dream about becoming involved in such a sad and shameful story.

Given the rapacious nature of the big four supermarkets chains, you may well choose to persist in the plan to destroy an institute of education and build yet another of your stores. But, be aware – you live in the court of public opinion, and public opinion is strongly against this loss of land that was gifted many years ago to the people of Marple: 'that their sons and daughters should be able to learn and become good citizens'.

For your huge company to destroy a school and build land gifted for education will be a public relations disaster for ASDA. And be sure that the people of Marple will make sure that the wider public knows. We will also fight your plans – your money may buy good lawyers – but we will fight nonetheless. And if you win? Well you will be marked forever as the man who destroys places of education to pursue yet another pound of profit.

Yours sincerely

