

**REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE - 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2014**

**ADDITIONAL UPDATE REPORT**

**2014/036/FUL Asda proposal at B&Q, Jinnah Road, Redditch**

**Additional representations:**

Since the publication of the agenda papers and the initial update report, additional representations have been received. As at noon, the total number of representations was as follows, and any further received beyond that time will be updated verbally in the officer presentation at the committee meeting. Only further new issues or concerns have been raised above those already reported in the main agenda and the first update report are included below.

46 representations against the proposal

- Wouldn't feel safe using a supermarket in this location

91 representations in support of the proposal

4 representations raising issues without supporting or objecting

A further letter from the applicants has also been received, and is appended in full to this update.

**Officer comments:**

Members are reminded that the application is for an A1 retail foodstore, and that the potential operator is irrelevant in terms of the planning decision. Many of the representations received, especially those in support, relate solely to the presence of a particular operator within the town, and neither to the location or the use on the application site, and thus weight should not be attached to them as part of the planning process.

The issue of safety is addressed in the main report and if it were the only concern could be adequately dealt with. However, given the content of the main report and the update paper, the recommendation remains as stated on the update paper:

**That having regard to the development plan and to all other material considerations, planning permission be REFUSED for the reasons stated on the update paper.**