



## From the Chellaston Residents' Association

### Lidl Have Not Won Yet

As you will be aware, the Planning Control Committee meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April voted narrowly to approve the second application by Lidl to build a slightly smaller supermarket on the Rose and Crown and Catholic Centre sites, between the Academy and the Corner Pin. The many residents who went along to observe the decision being made heard some very strong arguments against the application but comparatively little in the way of support and yet, after a not particularly clear vote, approval was given in principle after the Chair used his casting vote.

However, the council have delayed issuing a formal approval notice at the time of writing and until they do, no work can commence on site. We have found many reasons why the Council's decision is a poor one and we cannot understand why they do not appear to have taken local opinion into account. The CRA intends to challenge the decision-making process but we cannot give any details of this at the moment.

Lidl have not withdrawn their appeal of the refusal of their first application and, as far as we know, the public inquiry will still go ahead in September. This will at least give the residents of Chellaston the opportunity to put their points forward to an independent Planning Inspector and the CRA intends to provide the representation. We have already employed professional assistance and I would like to ask everyone who cares about Chellaston to help us to continue this campaign, which is by no means a lost cause. You can –

- **Join the "100 Club", a monthly draw – top prize over £40**  
**([100club@chellastonmatters.co.uk](mailto:100club@chellastonmatters.co.uk))**
- **Support our fundraising events such as car-washes**
- **Contribute either in the collecting tubs in shops or directly to us on [www.chellaston.org.uk](http://www.chellaston.org.uk)**

I know many people have been very generous already, but every little helps and we know from people's responses that they do not want us to give up now.

I also know that many reading this have said that Chellaston needs this type of supermarket. We might agree, but we do not think that it is right for it to go next to a large and growing school, for it to contribute significantly to Chellaston's traffic problems and for it to be responsible for the loss of a pub suitable for families and the disabled, the Catholic Centre and of 30 perfectly good trees. Once we lose these things, they are gone forever. Aldi have the right idea with their store opposite the Bonnie Prince which will soon be built.

We welcome your feedback – you can find us on Facebook or contact us through our websites.