

THE ROSE & CROWN CAMPAIGN

As you have probably seen, the CRA has decided not to continue with the campaign to try to save the Rose and Crown pub. After working on it for three years, this was a very difficult decision to make but it was made with the agreement of residents at the meeting that we held in July. I know that many will be disappointed by this outcome – although we know that others will welcome the new supermarket when it arrives – and I wanted to explain why we have reached this point at this time and what we are going to be doing in the future.



Lidl have submitted two applications to the City Council – the first was rejected by the Planning Committee in July last year and they subsequently appealed the decision. The appeal was due to be heard at a public inquiry in September this year and we were preparing to represent the views of Chellaston's residents there. In the meantime, Lidl submitted a second application for a slightly smaller store with a modified external appearance and this was brought

before the Planning Committee, somewhat hastily in our view, in April. The application was passed on the slenderest of margins after a chaotic vote. We have complained to the Council about the way the meeting was conducted but they are adamant that everything was done correctly. We could of course have asked for a judicial review of the Council's actions but we obtained legal opinion which suggested that this would not be likely to succeed. Given this opinion, we could not justify asking residents to fund this further action and, as Lidl are likely to drop their appeal, we have also ceased work on that as well.

In place of the campaign, we are changing our focus to making sure that the supermarket will cause as little disruption as possible during the construction phase and when it is open for business. This will mean that we will be talking to all the interested parties and making sure that planning conditions are adhered to. Safety of pedestrians, especially schoolchildren, will be uppermost in many people's minds and this will be a priority topic for us.

I would like to thank the many residents, businesses and well-wishers for the generous support that they have given to the campaign and without which we could not have come this far. Please do not stop donating, by the way, because we want to do more in the community which will require funds. A good way to donate is to join the "Hundred Club" which has a monthly prize draw and you can get more details from our website.

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