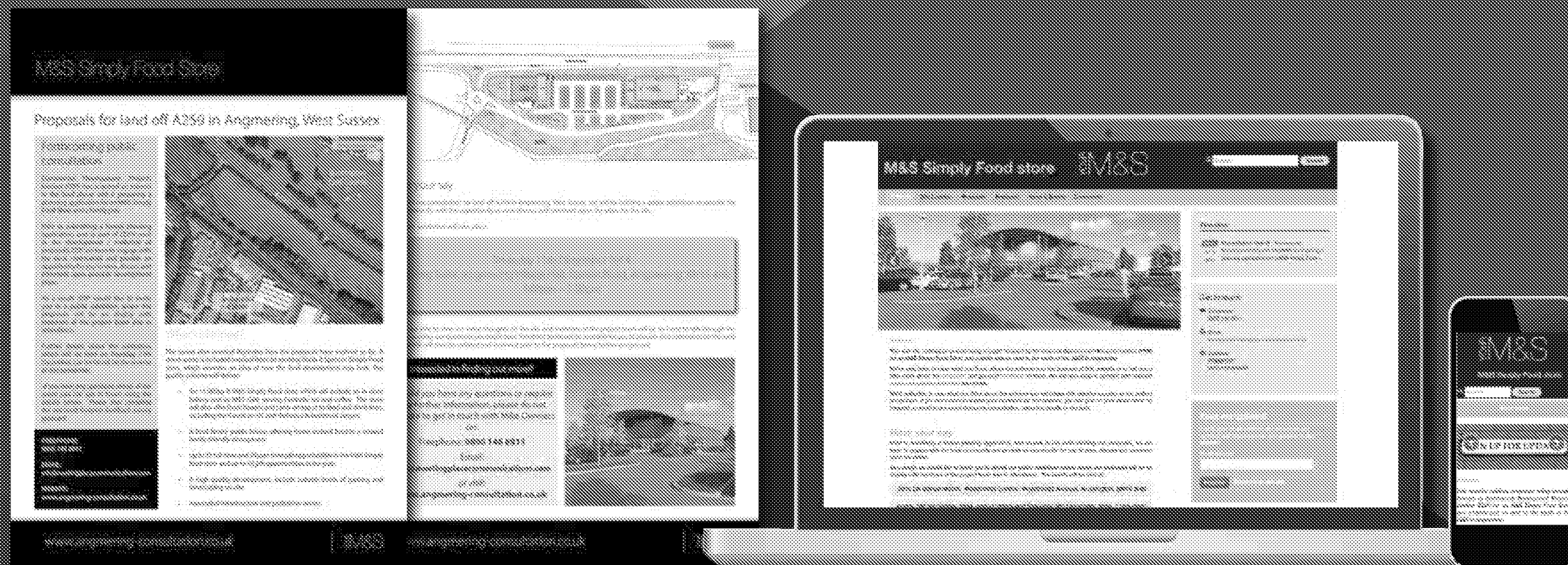


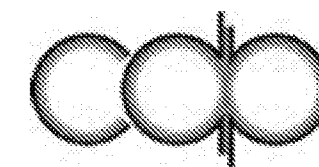


Land off A259, Angmering

Statement of Community Engagement

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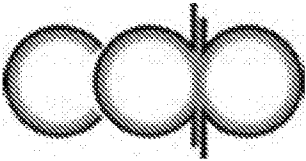
1. Introduction

This Statement of Community Engagement (SCE) sets out the strategy undertaken for consulting the general public with regard to Commercial Development Projects Ltd’s (CDP) plans for a new Marks & Spencer (M&S) food hall and a family pub on land off the A259 in Angmering, West Sussex.

This document aims to demonstrate that the applicant has actively informed and involved the local community about the plans, in accordance with Arun District Council’s Statement of Community Involvement. CDP Ltd is committed to stakeholder engagement and wanted to ensure that the community were made aware of the development proposals. CDP Ltd invited and welcomed feedback on the proposals to establish if any amendments could be taken on board prior to the submission of a planning application.

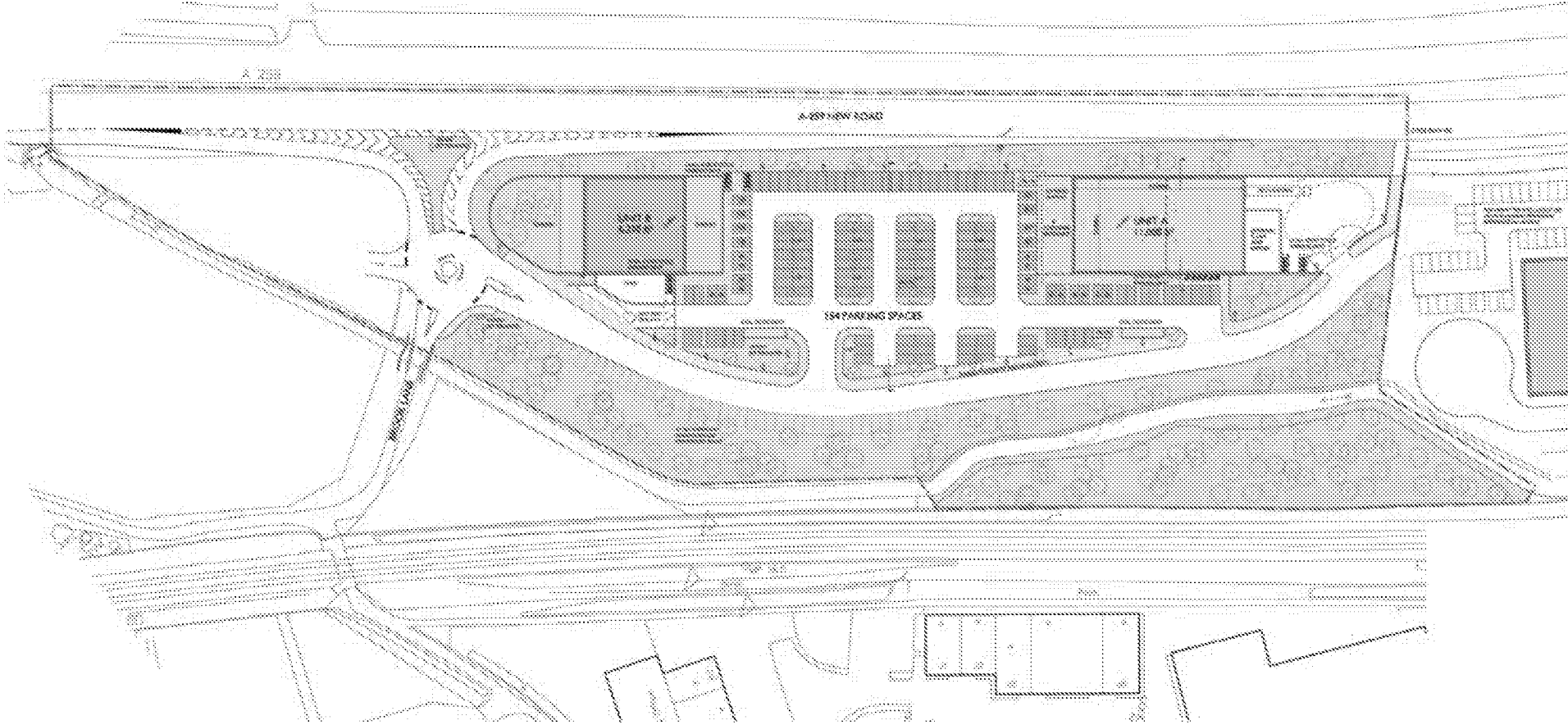
This SCE report gives an overview of all consultation activity undertaken prior to the current planning application submission.

As an overview of the consultation, 2,464 local residents were invited to attend the local held public exhibitions, with 303 or 12.30% attending the exhibitions. A feedback form provided an opportunity for respondents to indicate the level of their support. The majority of respondents (69%) indicated some level of support (supportive and in favour, but have reservations) for the proposals. From the 2,464 residents invited to attend the exhibition, only 37 or 1.5% returned feedback to say they were opposed to the proposals.



CDP Ltd is involved in range of areas from major urban regeneration schemes to fit-outs and refurbishments. CDP Ltd build operational facilities, distribution warehouses, retail parks, offices both in city centres and on business parks, residential property, city centre retail development, hotels and leisure venues such as cinemas, bars and restaurants.

Meeting Place Communications (MPC) was established in 2006 and we are now one of the leading public relations companies specialising in consultation around planning issues. We have worked with a wide range of house builders, retailers and commercial developers. Our experience is across England and Wales and we are experienced in reaching out and positively engaging with local residents when it comes to planning applications.



2. Requirements of the consultation

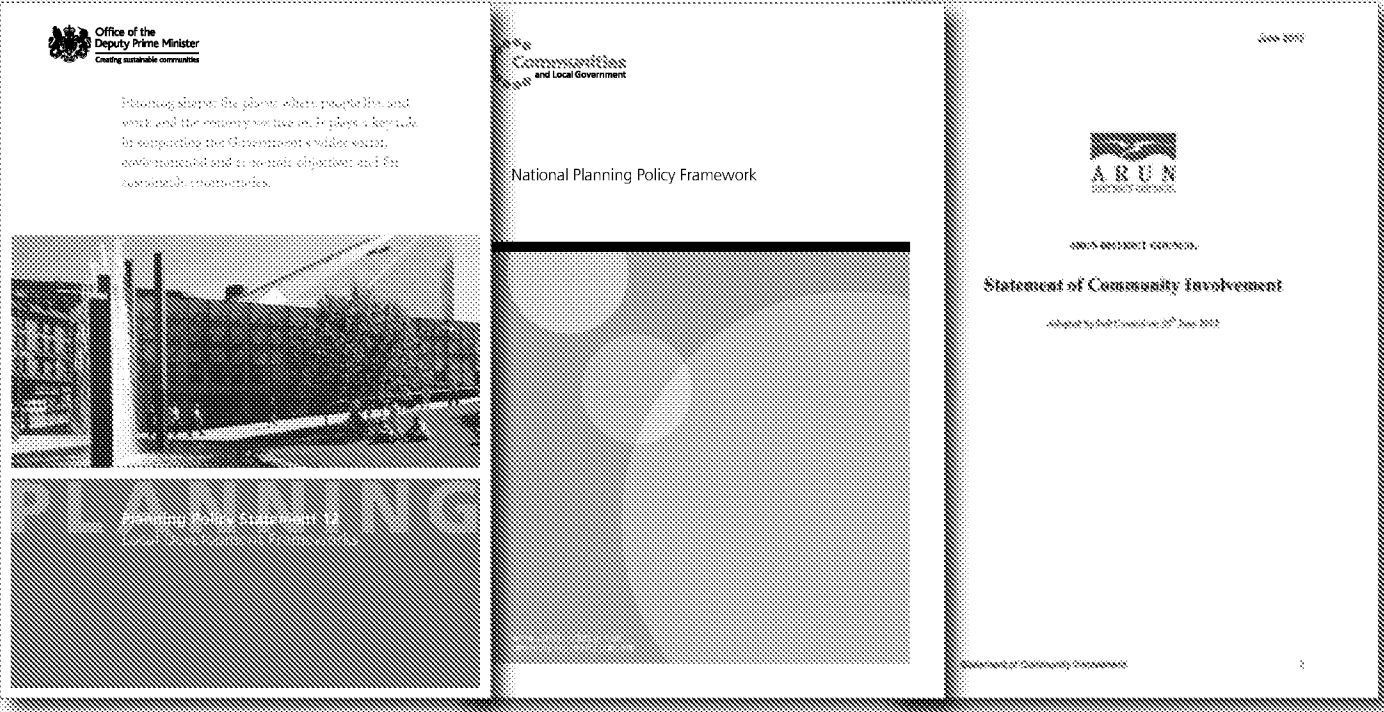
Community involvement is at the forefront of national planning policy and is noted in the final version of the National Planning Policy Framework (adopted March 2012). The NPPF states that ‘early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with neighbourhoods, local organisations and businesses is essential’ in the creation of plans.

Planning Policy Statement 12 (Para 4.21) required local planning authorities to produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) as part of their Local Development Frameworks. The principle objective of the SCI is to ensure that all sections of the community, including local groups and organisations, are given an opportunity to engage in the planning process.

Arun District Council adopted its current Statement of Community Involvement in June 2012. It applies to both the preparation of local planning policy documents and to planning applications. The SCI remains in force despite the publication of the NPPF in March 2012, although PPS12 has been formally cancelled from national planning policy.

Section 8 of the SCI contains information with regard to what is expected of applicants by way of consultation and community engagement for significant planning applications. Paragraphs 9.3 lists suggested consultation methods including engaging with the local community and political stakeholders as well as holding public exhibitions, setting up websites, placing advertisements in local newspapers and distributing newsletters etc.

The Council recommends that developers adopt at least one of the consultation methods listed below (e.g. public exhibitions, newsletter, website etc) in advance of submitting planning applications for both minor and major applications. The type and nature of this consultation however will vary depending on the complexity and scale of the development proposed.



3. We have responded to this by...

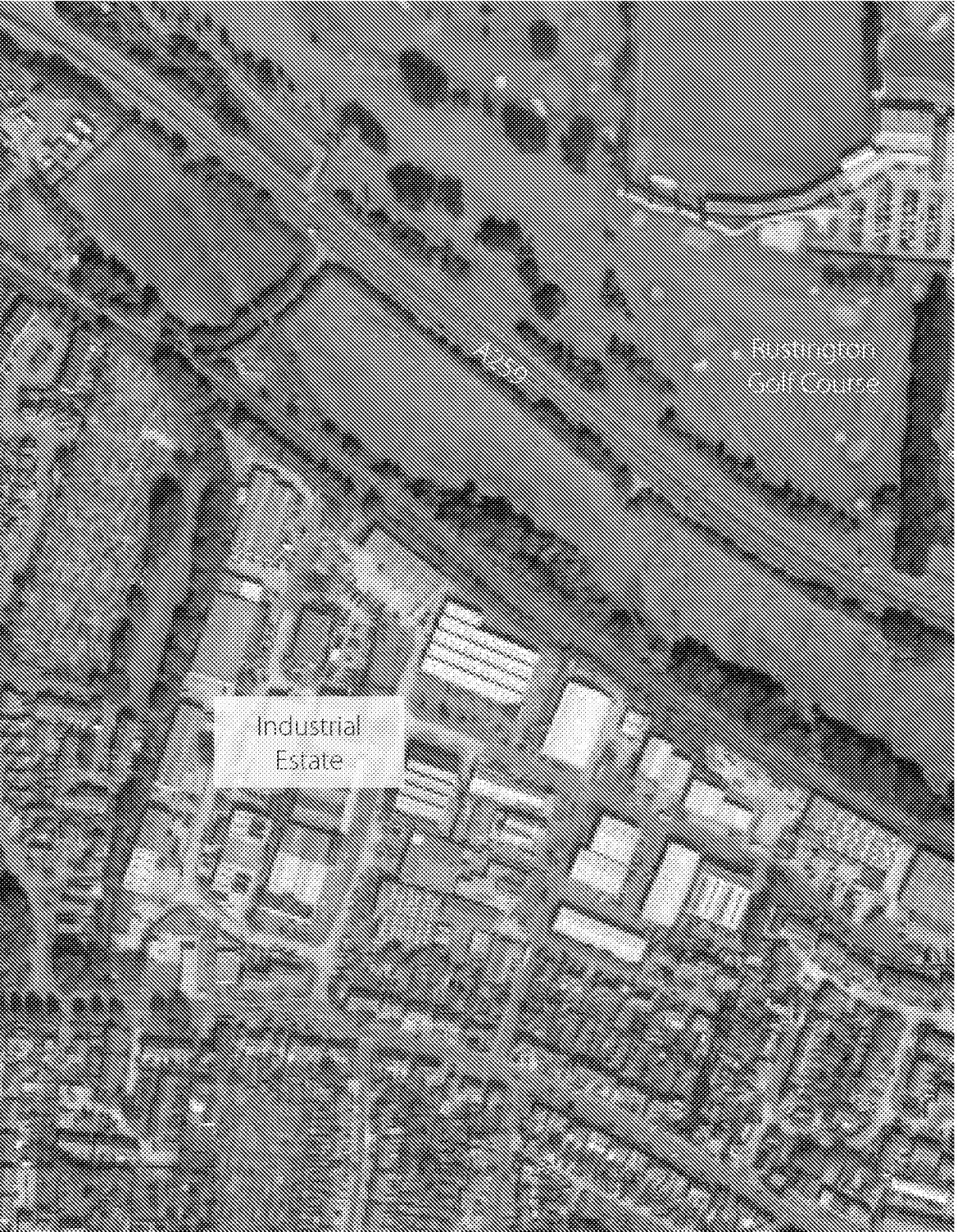
Involving local representatives: Seeking to involve political representatives before and after our consultation event, ensuring that the consultation continues beyond submission to help further develop the application;

Involving residents: A newsletter was sent to 2,464 local addresses in Angmering and Rustington explaining the plans and how to comment. This newsletter also invited residents to public exhibitions held in the Woodlands Centre, Rustington (Friday 5th & Saturday 6th December 2014) and Angmering Village Hall (Thursday 11th December 2014);

Encouraging feedback: Attached to the newsletter was a feedback postcard that residents could return via freepost with their opinions and suggestions. A Freephone information line and email address which residents could use to make contact was also provided on all consultation materials. Freepost feedback forms were also made available at the public exhibition session and comments could also be submitted via the consultation website or email;

Engaging online: A consultation website – www.angmering-consultation.co.uk or www.rustington-consultation.co.uk – was set up with information about the proposals. The website was publicised though the newsletter. Visitors were encouraged to submit feedback online;

Involving local media: CDP Ltd liaised with the *Littlehampton Gazette* to ensure the consultation was covered by the local press.



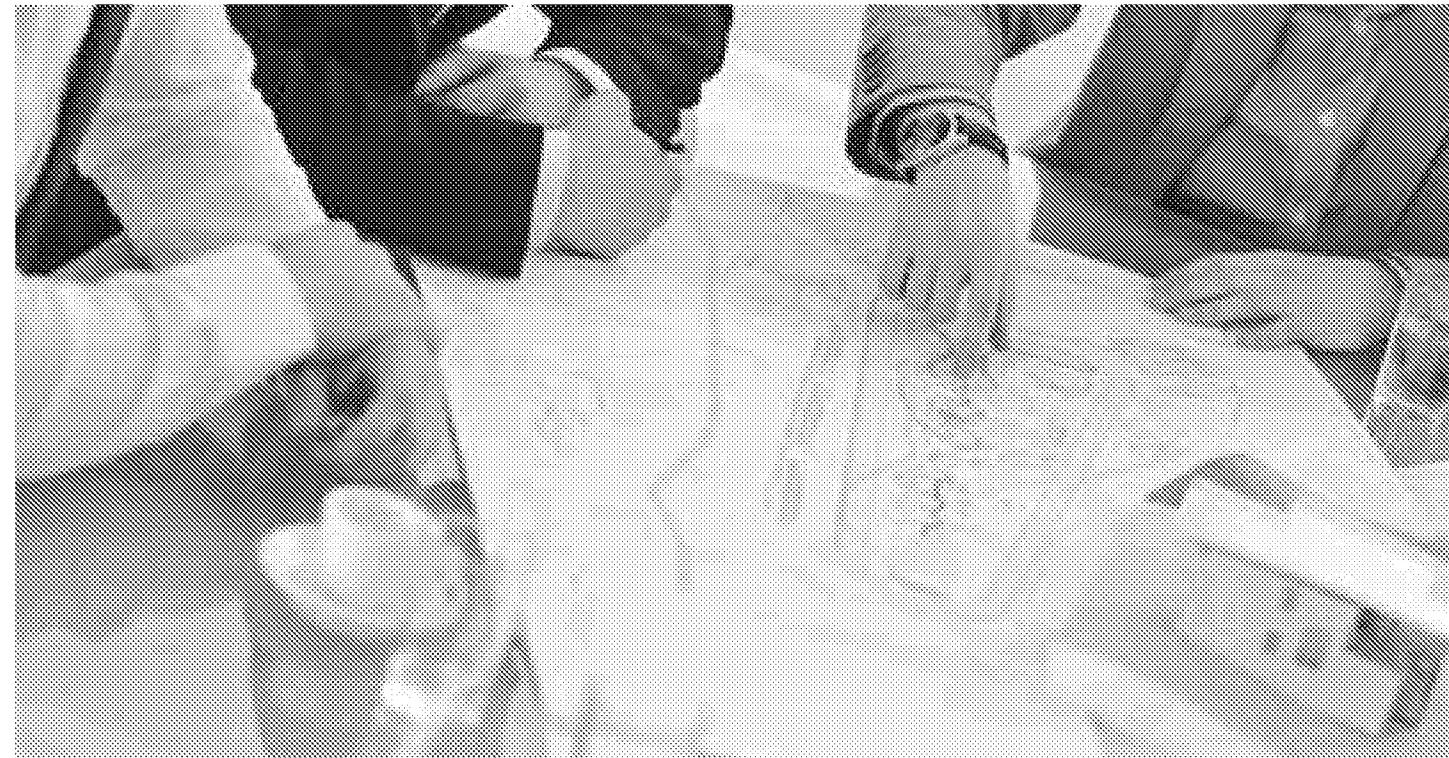
4. Involving local representatives

As part of the consultation, local political representatives were contact by telephone ahead of the public consultation in order to outline the proposals, discuss consultation methodologies and provide an opportunity to answer questions. Contact was made with:

- **Cllr Gill Brown (Leader of Arun District Council);**
- **Cllr Ricky Bower (Arun District Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure);**
- **Cllr Paul Bicknell (Arun District Councillor for Angmering);**
- **Cllr Wensley (Arun District Councillor for Angmering);**
- **Cllr Andy Cooper (Arun District Councillor for Angmering);**
- **Cllr Mike Clayden (Arun District Councillor for Rustington West);**
- **Cllr Deborah Urquhart (West Sussex County Councillor for Angmering & Findon);**
- **Angmering Parish Council;**
- **Rustington Parish Council.**

Topics discussed included:

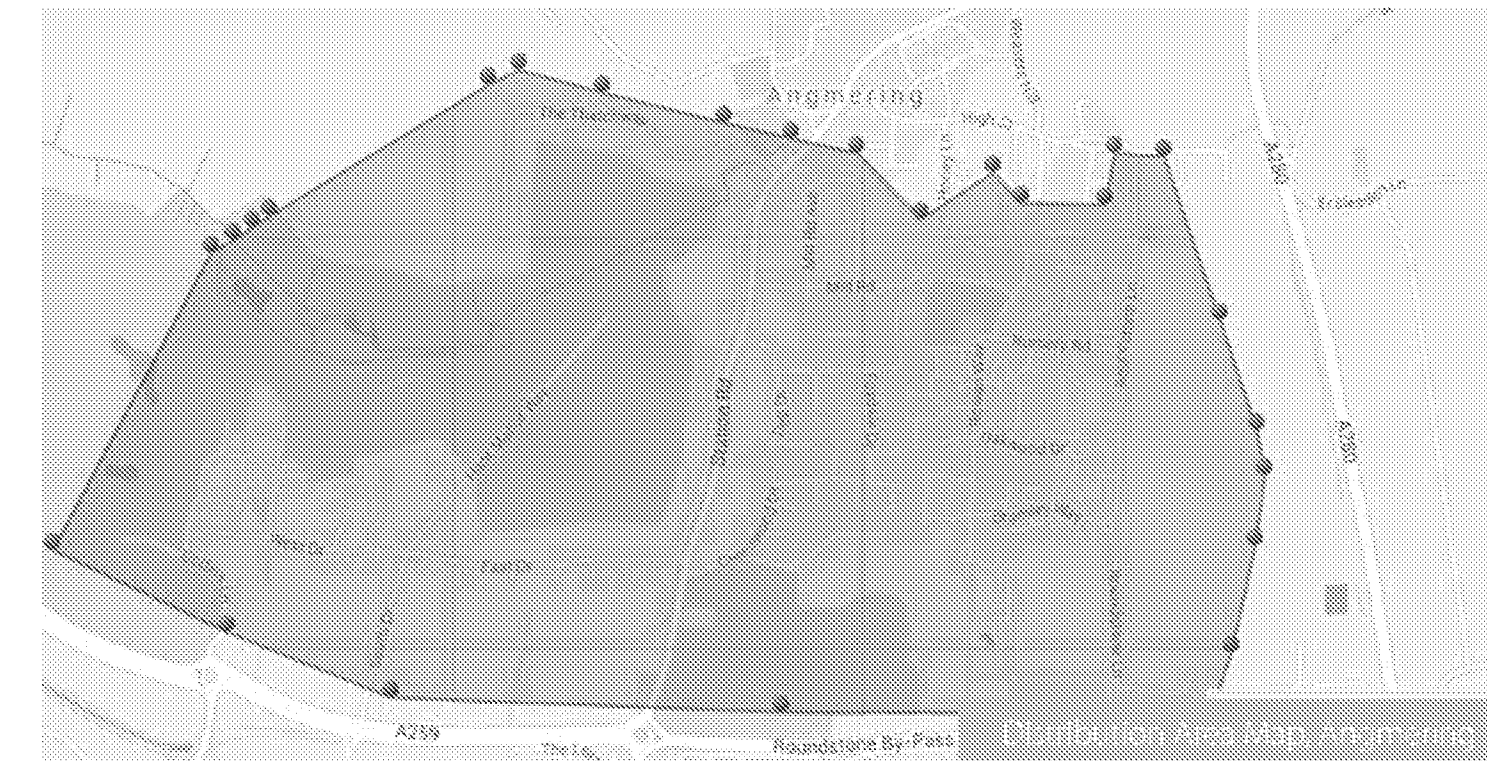
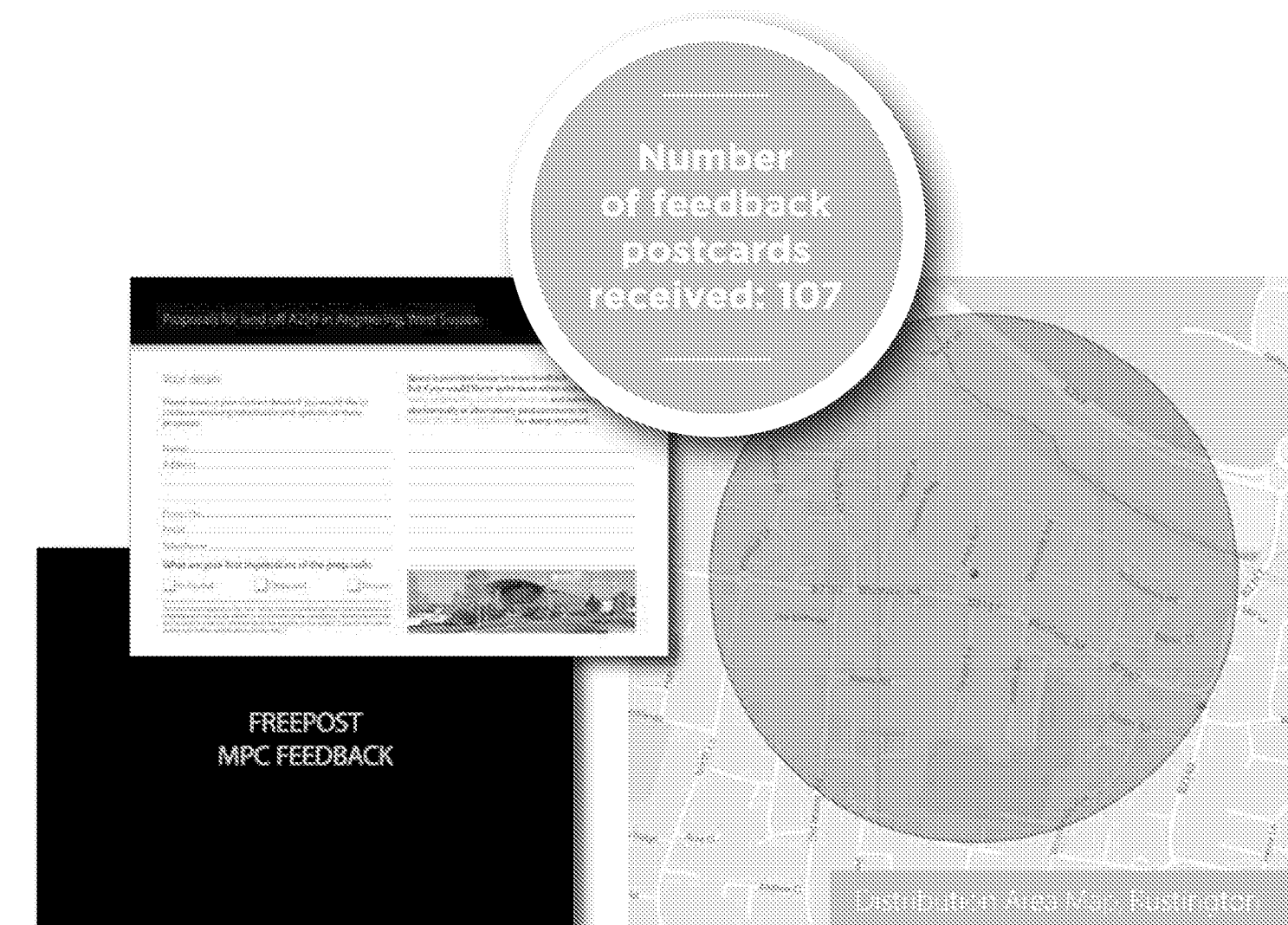
- **Traffic;**
- **Consultation strategy;**
- **New jobs provided by the development;**
- **The former Co-Op food store in Rustington;**
- **Desire for a quality food retailer in the area.**



5. Involving residents

A newsletter was sent out to 2,464 local residents and businesses in Angmering and Rustington. The two sided A4 newsletter included details of the scheme, a location plan, site layout and key statistics. It also included a freepost feedback card allowing residents to respond with comments. Those who wanted to write more were invited to use our freepost address or comment on the website.

A freephone information line, email and website were all identified in the newsletter. Recipients were also invited to the public exhibitions.



6. Engaging online

The dedicated consultation website – www.angmering-consultation.co.uk / www.rustington-consultation.co.uk – was created for the consultation. This website gave details of the proposals and allowed visitors to download copies of consultation materials as well as to submit feedback electronically and via email. This website will continue to develop further as the application progresses. It will hosts:

- Layout plans;
- An online comment form;
- Images of the site;
- Materials from the public exhibition;
- Updates and FAQs.



7. Involving local media

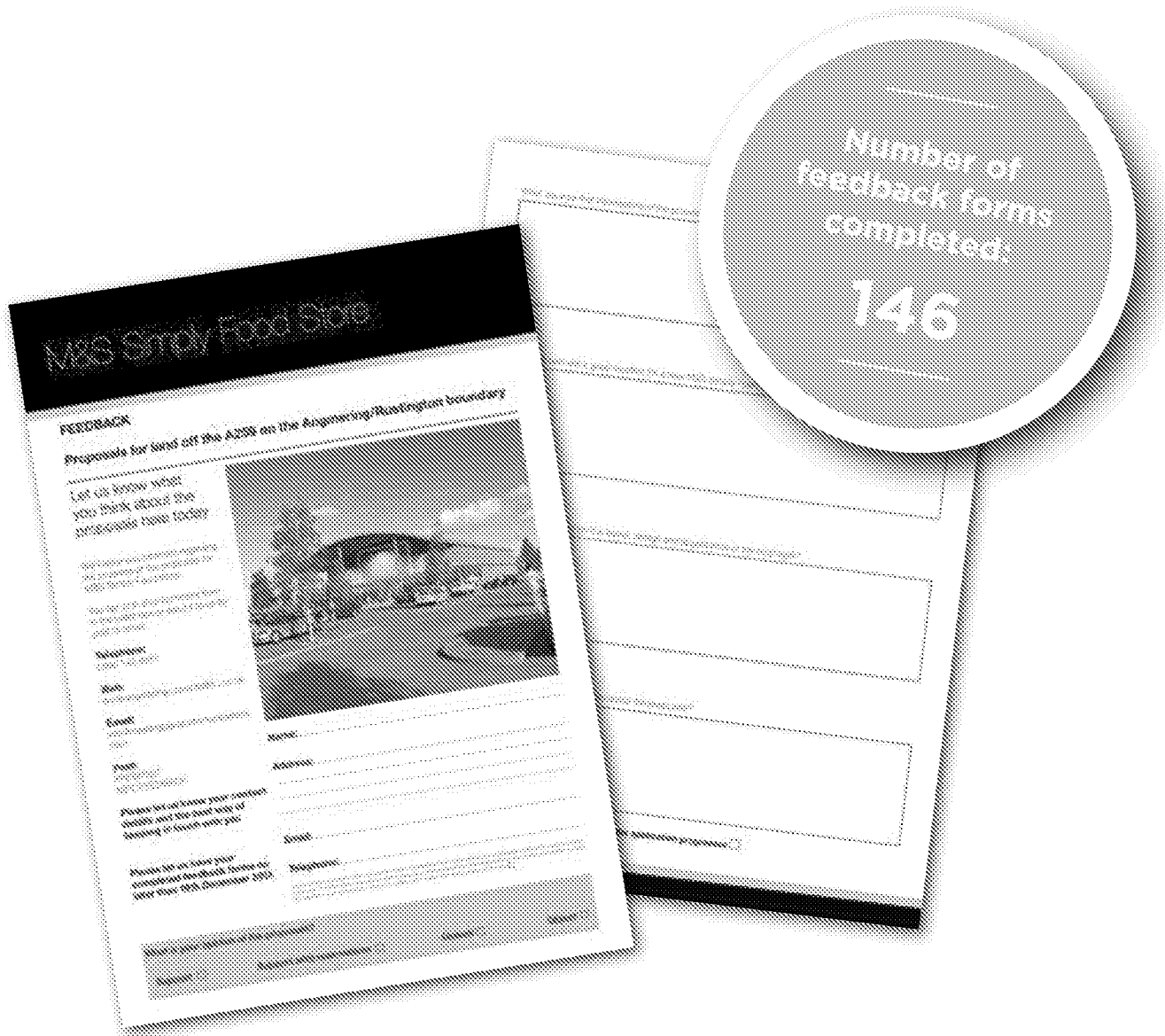
Commercial Development Projects Ltd liaised with local media before, during and after the public exhibition to ensure the consultation was promoted in the local press. This resulted in articles on the 4th December 2014 & 11th December 2014.



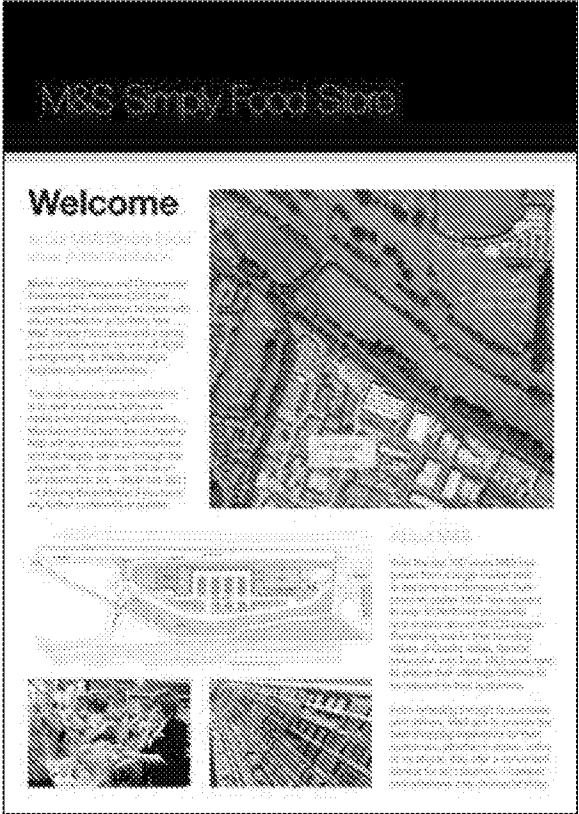
8. Public consultation event

Residents, councillors and stakeholders were invited to attend public exhibitions held in the Woodlands Centre, Rustington (Friday 5th & Saturday 6th December 2014) and Angmering Village Hall (Thursday 11th December 2014) to view the proposals and chat to the project team.

- Local residents were invited to the exhibition via a newsletter which was sent to 2,464 local addresses. A freepost feedback postcard was enclosed with the newsletter;
- The event was also publicised in the *Littlehampton Gazette*;
- Approximately 303 people attended the public exhibitions.



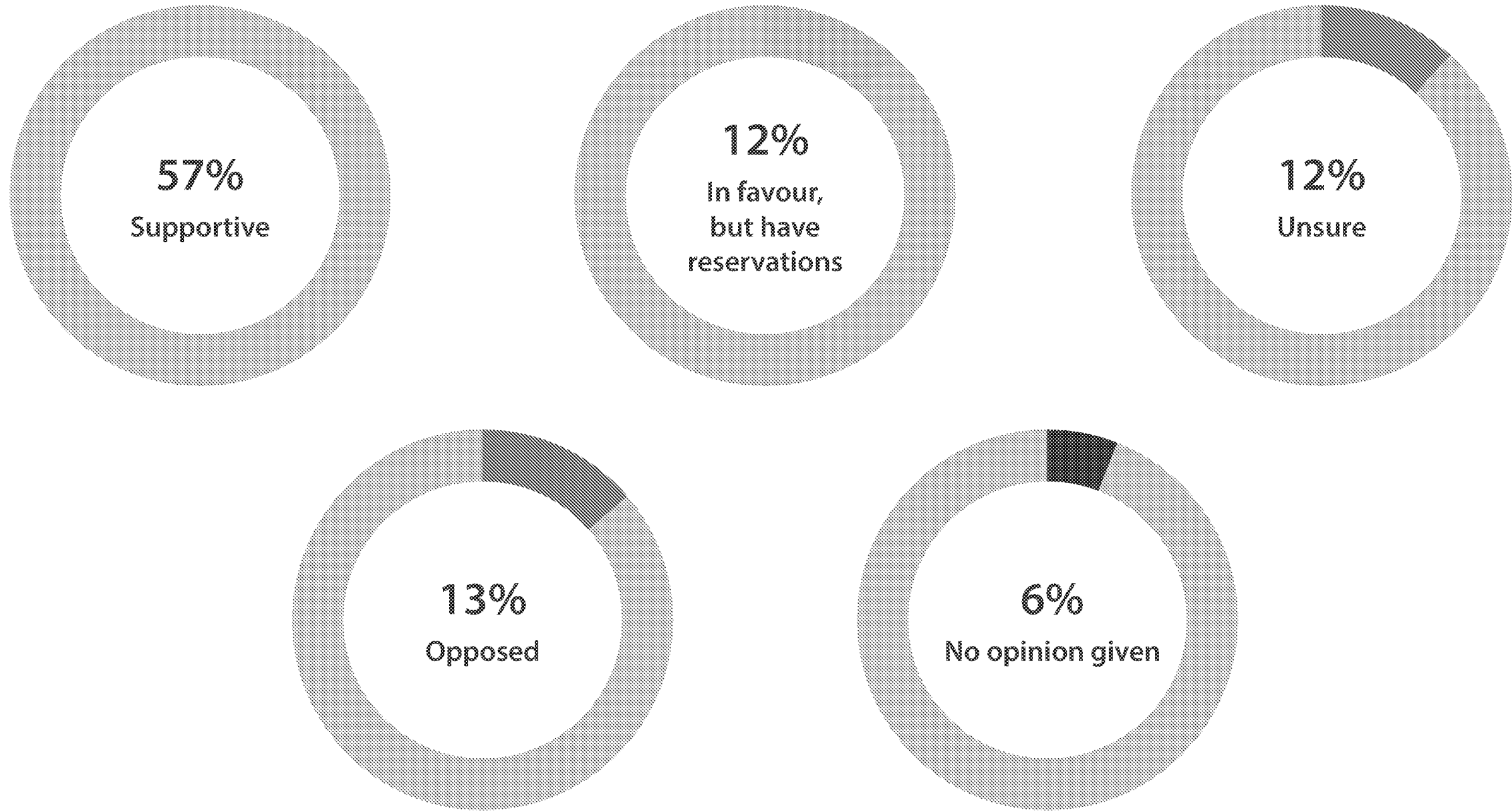
Exhibition boards:



9. Summary of feedback

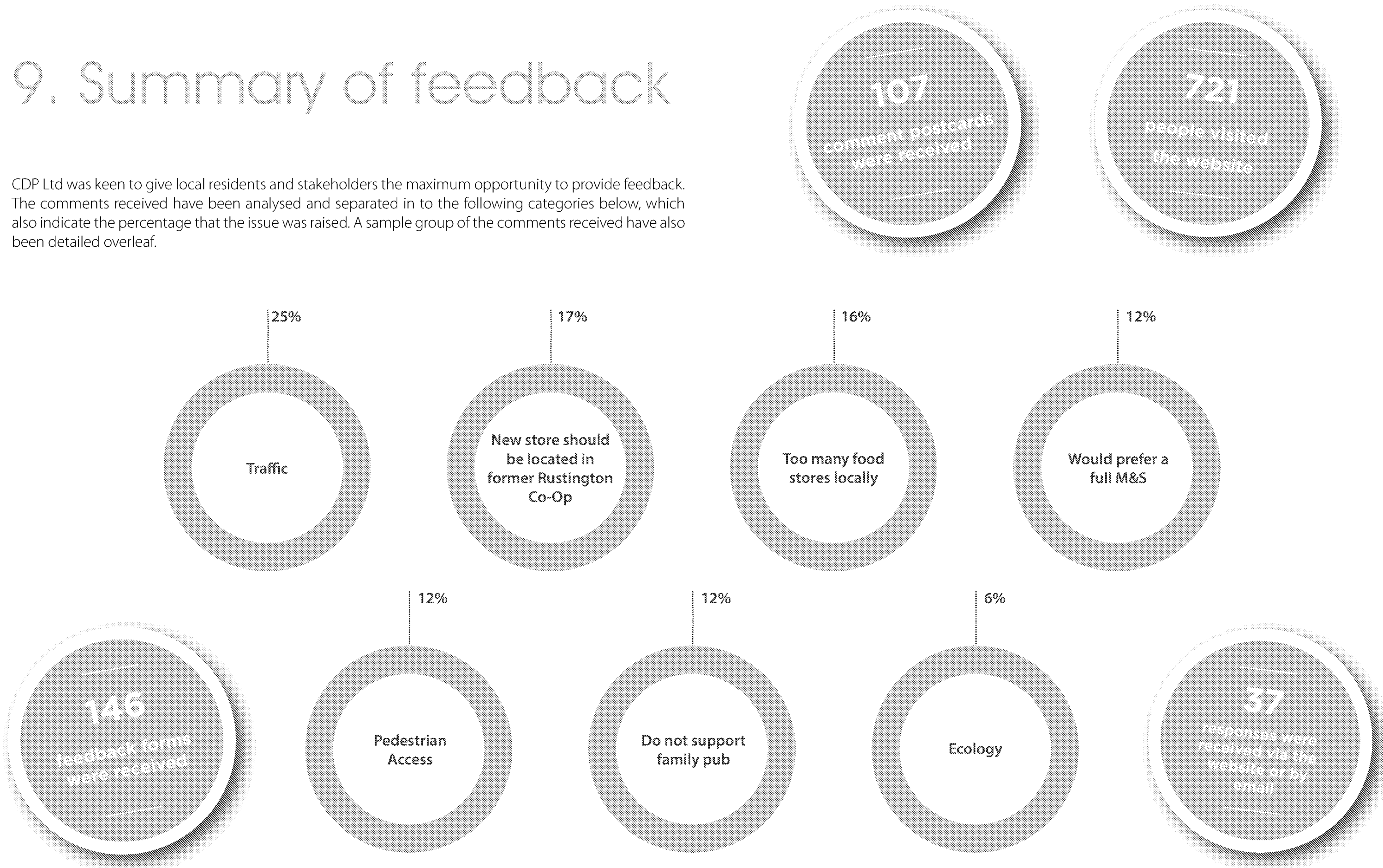
From 2,464 local residents who were invited to attend the public exhibitions, 303 or 12.30% attended the exhibition. The feedback form provided the opportunity for respondents to indicate the level of their support.

The majority of respondents (69%) indicated some level of support (supportive and in favour, but have reservations) for the proposals. From the 2,464 residents invited to attend the exhibition, only 37 or 1.5% returned feedback to say they were opposed to the proposals.



9. Summary of feedback

CDP Ltd was keen to give local residents and stakeholders the maximum opportunity to provide feedback. The comments received have been analysed and separated in to the following categories below, which also indicate the percentage that the issue was raised. A sample group of the comments received have also been detailed overleaf.



9. Summary of feedback

List of sample comments:

- “Fantastic plans”

“Whilst I would welcome M&S Simply Foods to the area I am totally against any further development along the A259, which is already a busy road with several junctions that create large bottle-necks at various points”

“I am in favour of the proposed M&S development. However, while the info that I have read details pedestrian access around the site, the development should most definitely include ‘joined up thinking’ leading to the planning of effective cycle paths too”

“Why don’t you locate to Rustington village where they now have no supermarket as the Co-Op has closed”

“I am disabled so this would be much easier for me as I could park outside”

“Fully support this proposal for M&S. Have been waiting a long time for this as the current M&S in Rustington is very limited and Worthing and Chichester too far away. Can you start building now?”

“I feel we would have benefited much more from the M&S having a selection of clothes and homeware as well as food”
- “Family Pub would be very welcome”

“I’m opposed to building on greenfield sites”

“Will there be footpath along A259?”

“Looking forward to using the store”

“Only concern is the traffic congestion already along the A259, this needs to be improved from the new Sainsbury’s onwards as already too congested”

“Great news about M&S. No need to struggle into Worthing/Chichester for M&S goodies anymore. It’s about time this area had a ‘top of the range’ store”

“Need a store in Rustington village, don’t like using car all the time”

“We do not believe that Rustington needs another supermarket. We already have nearby – Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury’s, Morrisons, Waitrose, Lidl and Iceland”

“Fantastic idea, would love an M&S locally. Only concern is the traffic congestion already along the A259, this needs to be improved from The new Sainsbury’s onwards as already too congested. Be good to see some improvements to the local villages and towns with better shopping facilities”

- “Need proper access over railway line for people wishing to go to store on foot”

“An excellent idea which will boost the local economy and benefit the consumer”

“Good to see a public exhibition, and good communication from personnel present, which was informative”

“Whilst having a new M&S store will be excellent, why another food store? We are inundated with food stores – please consider a ‘Home’ store, with an attached cafe if you want, and maybe a small food sales area”

“I would be delighted if M & S Food open a store in Rustington. We are well served with food outlets but there is only one Marks and Spencer”

“I have a few reservations about a pub”

“In favour, but road improvements required”

“How much do you think the people of Angmering can eat, we have enough food stores already!”

“Go for it. I’d prefer also an access and egress to the easterly roundabout ie not brook lane as I’d be coming from the east and, given
- that, I might just pass Sainsbury’s to visit your new store! Family pub sounds a good idea”

“Green landscaping will be important in the South Downs area”

“I am in favour of the proposed M&S development. However, while the info that I have read details pedestrian access around the site, the development should most definitely include ‘joined up thinking’ leading to the planning of effective cycle paths too”

“As for the family pub – the location is useless for this, right next to a main road, with noise and pollution; I will not be taking my grandchildren there”

“I am all in favour of the proposed development of a M&S Simply Food store and the employment opportunities that it will offer. I welcome the introduction of high quality food store in this area and based on my experiences of M&S, would expect that attention to detail would ensure that there was minimum negative impact on the local environment”

10. Responding to feedback

Traffic

This was by far the most frequently mentioned topic, with the majority of responses making some reference to traffic. Many respondents claimed that the roads in and around Rustington were already congested, especially at peak times, and that the roads couldn’t sustain the number of vehicles likely to be generated by the proposed foodhall.

Although comments referenced the whole of the local road network, as expected, the A259 was cited as being the most problematic.

Access to the site was mentioned on occasions, with the majority of respondees being happy with the slip roads arrangement. The general view was that people were keen to see the junction is as safe as possible, however, most were pleased that traffic lights are not proposed, as there is a desire amongst local people to keep the A259 as free flowing as possible.

Applicant’s response:

Traffic generation from the proposed development has been carefully modelled and is based on measured traffic movements – therefore CDP Ltd have a good idea of when the peak-time flows occur and what contributions the development would make to these.

Initial assessments show that the impact of the new foodhall and family pub would be negligible, as the vast majority of customers would already have been passing the store on the A259.

CDP Ltd continue to discuss access and traffic levels with Highways Officers. Any necessary financial contributions towards local highways will come forward as part of any s106 agreement associated with the planning application.

New store should be located in former Rustington Co-Op

There seems to be a desire amongst some residents of Rustington that a new use is found for the now vacant retail unit in the centre of the village, until recently occupied by a Co-Op supermarket.

Respondents cited the unit’s ample size and good parking availability, which they thought would make it a possible location for M&S.

Applicant’s response:

The scope for using this unit has been considered but it does not form an appropriate location for a Simply Food Store – for further details please see the Sequential Test Analysis within Retail Statement submitted as part of the planning application.

10. Responding to feedback

Too many food stores locally

Several consultees were of the opinion that the wider Rustington/Angmering area had enough supermarkets at present, particularly along the A259. Therefore, they were sceptical about the need for, and viability of another food shop.

Applicant's response:

CDP Ltd agrees that there are a number of food retailers in the vicinity of Angmering and Rustington. However, the proposed M&S foodstore is designed to be a smaller shop for convenience purchases ('top-up shopping'). This would comprise 826m² of food and drink sales, potentially including a café of around 50m², plus around 10m² of general merchandise. In comparison, the nearby Sainsbury's foodstore is about six times bigger and aims to provide a full weekly shop for local people.

M&S food stores also aim to offer premium own-brand produce to customers, which further distinguishes the proposed store from nearby supermarkets, such as ASDA and Morrisons, which offer value goods. Therefore, CDP Ltd believes there is a need for a smaller, high quality food retailer in the area and this is what the proposals seek to provide for local consumers.

A Retail Impact Assessment in relation to an out of centre retail development has been undertaken and forms part of the application documents.

Would prefer a full M&S

There was overwhelming support for an M&S Simply Foodhall. Indeed, some respondents were so enthusiastic about the M&S brand that they wanted to full sized M&S department store on site. The main attraction seems to be the M&S clothing range. Comments made mention the difficulties in going to visit other M&S department stores in Worthing & Chichester, as apparently parking is difficult at both stores.

Applicant's response:

CDP Ltd is glad to hear that local residents approve of the Marks & Spencer brand. However, as there are existing M&S stores in both Worthing and Chichester, a full department store would simply not be practical due to the proximity of these other stores. The population levels locally would therefore make an additional store unsustainable.

10. Responding to feedback

Pedestrian and Cycle Access

This was mentioned frequently, mainly by Rustington residents wondering how pedestrians and cyclists would cross the railway to access the site (the most popular request was for a new footbridge).

More generally, there were requests for a new footpath along the A259 and the desire to make the site accessible to both pedestrians and cyclists.

Applicant's response:

Pedestrian and cycle access will be provided to the new food hall and pub. Cycle parking is also included in the proposals.

Do not support family pub

The proposed family pub was not commented upon particularly often; however, whereas only 4% of responses expressed support for such an amenity, 12% had a negative view. These views divided pretty equally into 3 camps. Firstly, that a pub near a busy road would encourage irresponsible drink driving, secondly that no new pubs were needed in Rustington and, finally, that a Toby Carvery of similar type would not be in keeping with the area (i.e. a higher end pub was desired).

Applicant's response:

CDP Ltd believe that there is local demand for a pub, which was certainly the feel from the public exhibition, particularly a pub with parking, offering cooked food in a relaxed family-friendly atmosphere. There would also be little risk of irresponsible drink driving as numerous similar family pubs are situated near roads across the United Kingdom, with no evidence that these result in anymore illegal drink driving than more traditional pub locations (which are, of course, also located near roads). CDP Ltd would also note that it has not yet confirmed the operator of the proposed pub.

Ecology

Comments about ecology tended to focus on the landscaping, which local people thought was a vital part of the proposals. Respondents were very pleased with the landscaping proposed, although there was some scepticism about whether or not it would actually be delivered. A few people were opposed to the scheme because the site is greenfield.

Applicant's response:

The appearance of the area around the store and pub and restaurant will be enhanced by proposed landscaping. Shrubs, trees and areas of garden will be used to provide an attractive environment, softening the boundary with the railway line and A259.

11. Conclusion

The feedback received on the proposals throughout the pre-application consultation has been broadly positive.

Although most aspects of the proposals have been found acceptable, consultation also demonstrated that several people explicitly referenced the new jobs being provided as one of the reasons for their support of the proposals. Indeed, a few expressed their intention to apply for a job at the proposed store. Residents felt that these job opportunities will also provide a boost to the local economy, and supported industry leading pay and benefits including a pension scheme.

The feedback received from stakeholders, residents and community groups, together with conversations held with officers at Arun Council, have shaped the final proposals for submission.

CDP Ltd is pleased with the level of engagement that has taken place with interested parties. CDP Ltd is confident that these proposals will create a high quality development that will benefit its locality.



12. Post-application engagement

Update material will be distributed to all key stakeholders and local residents that were previously contacted when the application was submitted, ensuring they remain informed on the progress of the proposals. This material will also contain details of the freephone information telephone number and project website.

The stakeholders who were previously engaged with, will also be sent update materials. Those who requested to be kept informed on the proposals by telephone, letter, email or on the website will be responded to in the most appropriate manner.

All platforms for communication with those interested in the proposals (information line and website etc) will continue to be updated and monitored throughout the course of the planning process, and will remain live for the duration.



Appendix: Verbatim Comments

N.B. Anonymised verbatim comments from public exhibition feedback forms and feedback postcards can be found in the ‘Downloads’ section of www.angmering-consultation.co.uk

Comments from website and email:

- Although I don't care whether a M&S have a food store on the proposed site in Rustington , I shall still use the local shops and you state that there will be jobs made, full and part time. How many jobs will be lost in the other M&S food store/garage around the corner in Worthing Rd? As for putting a pub in the same vicinity, you must be mad! That is encouraging people to drink and drive, as people will have to drive because nobody will walk along a busy dual carriageway to get there. The land will be built on, irrespective of what people think as it is already a done deal! But, use common sense and let another company build a retail development in the space where the pub is supposed to be going to give another form of outlet
- There should be more retail units in order to make the distrust ion worthwhile What happened to the previous plans which were far more acceptable
- I strongly support the proposals for the M&S food store and associated pub on this site - it goes without saying there should be excellent access by bike and foot (particularly with a pub on site)
- Fully support this proposal for M&S. Have been waiting a long time for this as the current M&S in Rustington is very limited and Worthing and Chichester too far away. Can you start building now?
- I think an M and S food is a fantastic idea. I was hopeful that the unit adjacent to Halfords and Pets at Home may have been taken by M and S and was very disappointed when it was not. I would use this extremely often and I think it would be extremely popular here. A family pub would also be of interest

- to me if it was good quality as I have 3 young children. In particular a pub with family facilities (indoor/ outdoor play area) would be of interest.
- Brilliant proposal. An out of town M&S food in this area would be so handy. Parking in Worthing is the only current option to buy M&S food which therefore makes it timely and expensive. Very much support this idea and know lots of other people will too.
- Where you propose to build this food store is within the Parish Boundary of A N G M E R I N G NOT Rustington. Any planning application will have to go through Angmering Parish Council Planning Committee, not Rustington Parish Council before Arun District Council Planning Authority. Please amend your literature as to call it Rustington is in fact a LIE and very misleading. Any development on that bit of land should be referred to as being in ANGMERING.
- Proposals look interesting and initial comments locally seem positive. The reason for calling the store “Rustington M&S” is not clear as the site is not in Rustington. Presumably, M&S management are unable to pronounce “Angmering”!!! The planning application will have an Angmering Reference number and comments will be sought by Arun District Council from Angmering Parish Council.
- I think you will find a need to rename this site. Checking the parish boundary on a map would have shown that this site is in Angmering and not Rustington. With the exception of the Sainsbury's site, the Angmering/Rustington parish boundary pretty much runs along the railway line. With the inundation of development from all sides in Angmering recently, you could have at least made

- the effort to get your facts straight BEFORE reaching the consultation stages of this process. In addition, it is a shame that all those mature trees forming the boundary to the road side were felled prior to finalised planning approvals.
- I feel we would have benefitted much more from the M&S having a selection of clothes and homeware as well as food.
- How much food do you think we can eat in Angmering? Already in a 5 mile radius we have 8 supermarkets! Do you really think we have a need for yet another? The A259 is already totally gridlocked 18 hours a day thanks in no small part to the new Asda and now you want to add to our misery. Presumably you have been promised lots of incentives and financial breaks by the charlatans who are Arun District Council who are going out of their way to put a permanent blight on our lives with their planning consent for 700 houses already in progress - music to your ears no doubt. Why don't you locate to Rustington village where they now have no supermarket as the co-Op has closed. What's more Rustington has an elderly and affluent population who would gladly eat your food and fill your coffers. You are the last thing we need. We need a reduction in traffic chaos not more. Go somewhere you are needed.
- Brilliant news. Just what is needed in this land. It will be designed sympathetically. More jobs and less troops to Worthing. Hope you succeed
- We support the proposal. Hope it is approved.
- Fantastic looking shop, with plenty of parking. Will it have any textiles?

- What a waste of land. Have the public been consulted as to what they actually want? We certainly don't need another food store, what with Sainsbury's nearby, and also an M&S outlet at BP. There is also a family pub within a mile at Roundstones. What we really need is a DIY store, to replace Focus. Wickes is quite far and doesn't stock many decent products and the alternative it to drive to the far side of Worthing to B&Q. If this goes ahead it will be a huge shame and I expect it to fail. Thanks.
- Love the idea of the new M&S, can't wait. We just hoped there were would be a DIY place like B&Q in the other unit. Landscaping looks well thought out. Impressed.
- With the majority of food stores already situated along the A259, surely this latest food outlet could replace the old Co-op site.
- When situating new food stores please consider the elderly population, who are no longer driving, but, are able to walk or use a mobility scooter within the village . Thus supporting various existing shops.
- Furthermore helping to support and save our much loved Rustington village.
- Only a year or two ago one had no need to shop away from the village. Most needs were very adequately met.
- A very concerned Rustington resident.
- Just wanted to state that I am all in favour of the proposed development of a M&S Simply Food store and the employment opportunities that it will offer.

- I welcome the introduction of high quality food store in this area and based on my experiences of M&S, would expect that attention to detail would ensure that there was minimum negative impact on the local environment.
- We are delighted to know that there are plans to bring M&S to Rustington however, given the size of the land involved, would it not be possible to include an M&S clothes outlet as well? The area is well served with pubs so why not use the space for a full M&S store?
- I am a resident of Angmering, living on Bramley Green
- I am writing to say that I am in favour of the M&S Food Hall off the A259.
- The nearest M&S is Worthing and there are problems parking there.
- I am disabled so this would be much easier for me as I could park outside.
- We need another quality food store in the area as the current M&S at the petrol station is very small.
- I would be delighted if M & S Food open a store in Rustington. We are well served with food outlets but there is only one Marks and Spencer.
- This would be another nail in the coffin of the village shops. In Rustington a baker, greengrocer and Co-op have all closed recently. Lets encourage growth here not out of town.
- Go for it. I'd prefer also an access and egress to the easterly roundabout ie not brook lane as I'd be coming from the east and, given that, I might just pass Sainsbury's to visit your new store! Family pub sounds a good idea.

- Whilst having a new M&S store will be excellent, why another food store? We are inundated with food stores - please consider a 'Home' store, with an attached cafe if you want, and maybe a small food sales area. As for the family pub - the location is useless for this, right next to a main road, with noise and pollution, I will not be taking my grandchildren there. Why not use the space to get a better M&S store?
- Great, can't wait. Hope it goes ahead.
- Whilst I would welcome M&S Simply Foods to the area I am totally against any further development along the A259, which is already a busy road with several junctions that create large bottle-necks at various points. There are enough pubs in the area without having another. This proposal would create more noise and more traffic along the A259, which is spoiling what was a quiet area for residents. It would be more appropriate to have the M&S Simply Food store in what was the Rustington Co-op and is now an empty building, where it would service a number of local residents who could walk to the shop.
- I am in favour of the proposed M&S development. However, while the info that I have read details a pedestrian access around the site, the development should most definitely include 'joined up thinking' leading to the planning of effective cycle paths too.
- Excellent, can't wait for the store to open
- I think this is an excellent proposal. M&S Simply Food is very good quality & this will be an excellent addition to Rustington/East Preston/Angmering area. Personally to get a good range of M&S food I have to travel to Worthing and then have great difficulty parking so will really welcome this.
- I think it is a great proposal and I am as well as several friends are excited to have an M and S food

- hall nearby. We have always said wish there was one in Rustington as the BP garage Marks is unable to carry the stock. So great news.
- Look forward to the new store it will be most welcome.
- Hope this new build actually happens and sooner rather than later. At present we travel into Worthing to obtain M&S food offers, the Meals for Two are excellent.
- Fantastic idea, would love an M&S locally. Only concern is the traffic congestion already along the A259, this need to be improved from The new Sainsbury's onwards as already too congested. Be good to see some improvements to the local villages and towns with better shopping facilities.
- Unfortunately, we were unable to make yesterday's meeting in Angmering Village are fully supportive of the M&S proposed development of the Rustington site. Sincerely, Ray Jenks
- A family bereavement regrettably prevented us from attending the meeting to discuss the proposal for M&S to develop the site adjacent to the A259 as a Simply Food Store but wish to offer our full support for the project.. Regards Linda D.P. Jenks (Mrs) .
- I am really opposed to the development of yet another food retailer along the A259 road, I am not sure why anyone would think we need to have another one, from Tesco in West Durrington to Tesco in Littlehampton it is 7 miles, which that we have a Tesco Extra, 2 round a bouts then an Asda another 2 round a bouts and a Sainsbury's another 2 round a bouts and a Morrisons another round a bout and another Tesco, DO WE REALLY NEED MORE??

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