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Planning Application Reference (LU/93/25/PL)

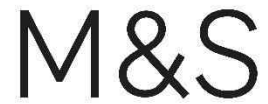
28 January 2026

Dear Ms Sheppard,

**UNITS 5-7 WATERSMEAD BUSINESS PARK, NORWAY LANE / WORTHING ROAD  
LITTLEHAMPTON BN17 6LS**

Marks and Spencer PLC (M&S) is excited to bring forward proposals for a new store at Watersmead Business Park as per application LU/93/25/PL. The proposals by Hallway Properties Ltd have been designed to accommodate a new brand-defining M&S Foodhall of c.1,675sqm (sales floor area), which will enable M&S to showcase the full M&S Food range of over 6,600 products and bring a new quality food store to the catchment. M&S are currently targeting for the new foodhall to open in Autumn 2027.

Inside the new show stopping foodhall, customers would find fresh produce from M&S' Select Farms, an in-store bakery & coffee counter serving barista-made drinks, everyday essentials from our Remarkable Value and Bigger Pack Better Value ranges, dedicated Flower and Wine shops – and the latest new product launches.



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The store will also include a dedicated Click & Collect point, allowing customers to easily collect their M&S fashion, home and beauty online orders.

The new store will provide customers with easy access to trusted value and high-quality M&S Food products at a convenient location. We are aware that there is strong demand from local residents who currently have to travel further afield to access our stores elsewhere. This is a qualitative new offer, bringing the best of M&S to the residents of both Littlehampton and Rustington and complementing our existing M&S store on Shripney Road, Bognor Regis.

In addition to bringing significant new investment to Littlehampton and Rustington, the new store is estimated to create up to 70 new jobs. M&S takes pride in being one of the best retail employers in the UK with several apprenticeship, graduate and management training programmes alongside working with The Kings Trust through our Marks and Start employability scheme, offering training and work placements to young people and those at a disadvantage in their job hunt. M&S is also proud to support British farming through long-standing relationships with over 9,500 Select Farm Partners across the UK, including almost 200 select farms in the South-East. The proposed new store will further strengthen our commitment to local sourcing and we are proud to support a number of local suppliers including Wicks Farm, Ford; Barfoots of Botley, Bognor Regis; and Newey in Runcton - supporting over 1,000 jobs locally.

M&S is fully supportive of the application proposals by Hallway Properties Ltd and respectfully requests the application is determined positively by Arun District Council to bring forward a new retail offer that provides substantial investment, significant local employment benefits and improvement in local shopping offer.

Yours Sincerely.

**Leo Scarfe**

**Town Planning Manager**

**Marks and Spencer PLC**

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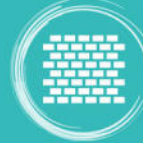



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Dear Ms Sheppard,

On behalf of Marks and Spencer PLC, please find attached letter of support relating to Hallway Properties Ltd planning application for a new retail development at the above address (LPA planning application reference: LU/93/25/PL).

We'd be grateful if the details set out in the attached letter are given due consideration and that the application be recommended for approval to allow the delivery of a new retail offer, which will provide substantial investment, significant local employment benefits, and improvements in the local shopping offer.

Should you have any questions regarding the details provided in the letter or require any additional information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



Leo Scarfe

Town Planning Manager

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