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Dear Mr Thorpe

Brooksby Square, Oadby - Local Development Order
Application No. 16/00089/LDO

I am writing to comment on the proposals contained in the Brooksby Square, Oadby, Local Development Order.

I support the Local Development Order proposals for new flats on the Brooksby Square/East Street car park. *

I support the Local Development Order proposals for a new health centre on the Brooksby Square/East Street car park. *

I object to the proposals in the Local Development Order – I am very concerned about the loss of car parking in such a convenient location. I believe that any replacement parking would not support the wellbeing of the Town Centre in the same way. *

*** Please delete as appropriate**

If you would like to add any other comments, please make them here;

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Signed

Name

Date

Address

SAVE **OUR** EAST STREET CAR PARKING SPACES

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council have put forward new proposals to build flats or a health centre on the East Street car park between East Street itself and Trinity Methodist Church. The proposals are contained in a document called the Brooksby Square Local Development Order.

- The proposals **do not** make it clear how many car parking spaces would be lost but the part of the car park identified for possible development currently has around 90 spaces. The Council have stressed that they will ensure that any spaces lost are replaced elsewhere in the Oadby Town Centre. However, other than the possibility of providing a decked car park at the Sandhurst Street car park, the Council have so far not said where or how the replacement spaces would be provided.
- The East Street car park currently provides free parking in a convenient location. It is vitally important to the present and future wellbeing of businesses and community buildings in the area as well as to the public who use it.
- The Local Development Order includes a target of 81 new homes to be built in the Town Centre between 2006 and 2026 – this target has already been met so there is no need for any flats on the car park.
- A new health centre is needed but there are better sites available elsewhere (for example, perhaps the former swimming pool site by Ellis Park) – sites which would not involve the loss of car parking at East Street.
- The Council will be looking to approve the Local Development Order at a meeting of the Development Control Committee on 14 April. If approved, it will mean that subject to meeting certain conditions, the precise nature of the flats or health centre to be built will be left in the hands of a private developer. There will be no need for the developer to apply for planning permission and you, the public, will have no say on the detailed design proposed.

The Local Development Order document can be viewed on the Council's website at http://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/local_development_orders or at the Council's Customer Service Centre at 40 Bell Street, Wigston. You can find out more on the Retail Association's Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com>oadbytowncentre>

IF YOU ARE OPPOSED TO THESE PROPOSALS OR YOU WANT TO MAKE ANY OTHER COMMENTS THEN PLEASE EITHER WRITE TO THE COUNCIL (COUNCIL OFFICES, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON, LEICS LE18 2DR) OR EMAIL THE COUNCIL AT planningpolicy@oadby-wigston.gov.uk A STANDARD LETTER WITH OPTIONS TO HELP YOU DO THIS IS AVAILABLE.

The deadline for this is 21 March. So you need to act now. These are new proposals and different from those published in December. This will be your last chance to comment before a final decision on the future of the car park is taken.

This leaflet has been prepared by the Oadby Town Centre Retailers Association, the Oadby Civic Society, the Oadby and Wigston Muslim Association and Trinity Methodist Church

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