NOTES ON ASDA MEETING MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2011

There were 65 residents & traders present at the meeting & 2 apologies.

3 representatives from Asda

Councillor Nigel Dawkins & Councillor Rob Sealey also present, Karen Stevens, Ward Officer & PCSO Sally Stor.

Peter Walker, forum Chairman, welcomed all, thanking them all for coming out on this dark, damp evening.

Oliver Jones from Asda began by outlining the revised plan for store access & the various road improvements.

As there is no longer to be an entry/exit on the Pershore road the focus was on the following:

Fordhouse lane / Pershore Road junction. And the Lifford lane/Pershore road junction.

The relocating of bus stops on fordhouse lane, traffic lights at the store entrance and at the junction of fordhouse lane / Pershore road and also at Lifford lane / Pershore road.

We were told that the recycling bins were to be moved to another area of the site and that they would be underground.

Told that the store would employ 300 local people and of the monies to be made available for local issues. Also, estimated costs of road improvements etc.

Questions from those present

Concerns were raised about the amount of extra traffic funnelled into Fordhouse lane, also over access /egress from Windsor road

Most of the concerns were raised about this area; there was quite a lot of debate on this and similar issues.

Asda has re drawn the boundary along the Pershore road and the chapel plays no part of the new plan, (they were asked originally to restore the chapel and allow it as a public meeting place)

Councillor Dawkins

Said how city had to safeguard existing shopping centre that is why proposed vehicle route off A441 Pershore road at Mayfield road was not viable, so had been dropped.

There were some comments about the river & canal route, asking if any thought had been given to making that a better route.

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There was also some discussion on the section 106 monies, whether it would go to city council or stay local.

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A LOT MORE WAS SAID ON THE EVENING THAN IS RECORDED HERE

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