

**Press Release**

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**LIDL IRELAND OPENS NEW STATE OF THE ART STORE IN BELGARD**

**WITH THE CREATION OF 28 NEW JOBS**

**Thursday, 28th February 2019:** Today, Lidl Ireland is delighted to announce the opening of its new state of the art store in Belgard, Dublin. Dublin ladies footballer and local Thomas Davis team member, Olwen Carey was on hand to officially open the new store which has created 28 new jobs in the locality. The store opening hours will facilitate customers’ in the surrounding areas, opening 8.00am to 10.00pm Monday to Saturday and 9.00am to 9.00pm on Sundays. Shoppers can also avail of 133 car parking spaces ensuring a hassle free trip.

The new store boasts a modern architectural design, spacious interior layout with higher ceilings and wider aisles, meaning Lidl can offer customers a greater shopping experience, with the same great value. A *Lidl to Go* coffee machine and a larger bakery area will offer customers an increased range of delicious, freshly baked goods, tea and coffee. Improved facilities for store staff will include a larger canteen, welfare area and shower facilities.

The new store incorporates a range of strategies to reduce environmental impact and is certified to ISO50001 energy efficiency standards. The store also offers customers free use of a number of electric vehicle charging points. Lidl Ireland are continuing to roll out electric vehicle charging points to all new stores and across all major store refurbishment projects. This means that Lidl will provide the largest network of electric vehicle chargers in the Irish supermarket sector, enabling customers to charge their electric vehicles free of charge whilst they shop.

Olga Roman, Store Manager said; *“We are delighted to open a new state of the art store in such a fantastic and vibrant community. We, as a team here in Lidl Belgard, are really excited to get to know the locals over the next couple of weeks. Lidl’s 160th store is packed full of fantastic products at market leading prices. We would also like to thank LGFA Dublin Player Olwen Carey for assisting us with the opening today.”*

The opening of the new store brings the total number of stores in the Republic of Ireland to 160, with over 4,200 employees.

To celebrate the opening, Lidl welcomed representatives from Belgard Heights Resident's Association and St. Mark’s Silver Surfers to collect a donation of €500 each to go towards the hard work that they do. St. Mark’s Silver Surfers are an Active Retirement Group. Active Retirement Ireland (ARI) is a voluntary organisation for older people who would otherwise feel isolated and lonely. All activities are aimed at keeping older people active and well.

Lidl is committed to working with its growing number of over 200 Irish suppliers to bring the best of fresh, local produce to its network of 160 stores throughout the Republic of Ireland. Lidl Ireland invests €600 million per annum in sourcing Irish goods and services. For further information on Lidl, its products, opening hours and any career opportunities please visit [www.lidl.ie](http://www.lidl.ie)

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