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**From:**

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**To:**

planninginfo

**Subject:**

Aldi - Hayward Heath - Application Reference: DM/24/3077

Dear Officer,

Application Ref: DM/24/3077

I am writing to submit my comments in support of a new Aldi store in Haywards Heath.

This application would deliver a number of benefits to the local area, including:

- The fact that I feel it would offer much-needed variety to the town and also significantly improve the visual appearance and ambience of the area in question.

I however wish to comment that should the applicant be proposing a one hour thirty minute customer parking restriction, as is the case at other branches, then I consider this to be detrimental.

I appreciate the need to deter parking by users who are not intending to visit their stores but such time limit really is not sufficient to shop peacefully and without having to 'clock watch', particularly for the elderly. It does not allow nearly enough time to fully peruse the number of products on offer and can in fact make one think twice about shopping there in the knowledge that a parking fine will invariably follow which has to then be appealed; it could feasibly be the case that this issue occurs on a weekly basis. I trust that the applicant will take these comments into consideration.

- Reduced travel times and improved access to high quality, affordable food for local people

I hope that the council will act in the interests of local people by approving this application.

Yours sincerely