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Subject:

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

Dear Officer,

Application Ref: DM/24/3077

I am writing to support a new Aldi store in Haywards Heath.

I have lived in Lindfield since 2006 and in that time my main "proper" supermarket options have consisted of the big Sainsbury's or, more recently, Waitrose.

I can save a lot of money on my weekly shop by driving to Lidl in Burgess Hill, or Aldi in East Grinstead, or Asda in Crawley or Brighton, so I do that sometimes.

I am always pleased by how much more stuff I can buy at Lidl, Aldi or Asda with my £60 weekly shop, but it does take a lot more time and effort and I do wonder how much the extra petrol costs me.

If there was an Aldi in Haywards Heath then I could save so much money on basics like pasta, orange juice, etc. Also their fresh fruit and vegetables tend to be good quality too.

I am vegetarian and have a very healthy diet and I am particularly looking forward to being able to buy good quality fresh fruit and vegetables. I can get them at at Waitrose now, but they tend to be quite pricey.

I am frequently disappointed by the way "fresh" fruit and vegetables from Sainsbury's go stale or rotten so quickly. I have returned fresh tomatoes and clementines etc to the big Sainsbury's on many occasions because they have gone squashy or mouldy so quickly after getting them home. I have almost given up buying those there now, as a result.

So I am really looking forward to Aldi arriving and providing competition to the big Sainsbury's store. Maybe the latter will take notice and sell better quality food at a more reasonable price once Aldi has been built.

I have taken this time on a Saturday morning to click through various web pages and write this letter of support in my own words, rather than post through the generic letter of support, and I hope that shows that I am actually personally very strongly in favour of the application.

I hope you will approve this application.

Yours Sincerely

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