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Dear Councillors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Aldi store development in our local area.

I believe the new Aldi store would bring clear benefits to the community. It would provide residents with greater access to affordable groceries, which is particularly important given the current cost-of-living pressures. Increased competition in the local retail sector can also help keep prices fair and improve choice for consumers.

In addition, the development would create new local jobs, both during the construction phase and once the store is operational. This would contribute positively to the local economy and provide employment opportunities for people living nearby.

Aldi stores are generally well-designed, efficiently run, and mindful of sustainability and traffic management. I am confident that, with appropriate planning conditions in place, any potential concerns can be effectively managed while allowing the community to benefit from this investment.

For these reasons, I encourage the council to look favourably on the proposal and to support the development of the new Aldi store.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views.

Yours faithfully,

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