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Aldi Consultation DM/24/3077

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Dear Mid-Sussex Planning Committee and colleagues

I have helpfully been reminded that the Mid-Sussex Planning Committee will be meeting on 22 January to decide on application **DM/24/3077** relating to the proposed Aldi food store in Haywards Heath.

I support this proposal wholeheartedly since it will make grocery shopping and providing for our families so much more affordable. At present, Haywards Heath only has food stores that price at the higher end of the spectrum – Waitrose and Sainsbury, with local/smaller Tesco and Sainsbury providers. This area is desperate for a more cost-effective option which will remove the hold that these costly stores have on local residents, particularly those who do not have access to a car.

As well as providing a much more affordable range of produce, the proposed site is close to the town centre, bus and train routes, with onsite parking (including accessible, parent and child and EV spaces). It will create local jobs for local people and will contribute to our community in a positive way. It is positive in an environmental sense, since it will prevent journeys to Burgess Hill to our closest Lidl (10-mile round trip), or Crawley, Lewes and East Grinstead to our closest Aldi stores (c. 25-mile round trip). I also understand that sustainability measures include solar panels, heat recovery system and LED lighting.

I would be delighted to hear that these plans have been approved, and it will demonstrate that MSPC is listening to local people in a constructive way.

Yours in anticipation