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DM/24/3077 Support for Planning application Aldi

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Dear Councillors,

We are writing to express our full support for the proposed planning application to build an Aldi supermarket in Haywards Heath.

At present, there is no genuinely affordable high quality supermarket within walking distance of the town centre. This creates a significant barrier for many residents, particularly those who do not have access to a car, including older people, young people, low-income households, and those with disabilities. A centrally located Aldi would meaningfully improve accessibility to affordable, good-quality food and everyday essentials, supporting inclusivity and social equity within our community.

The proposed development would also enhance the visual character of the town. The landscaping plans outlined by Aldi represent a clear improvement to the current site and demonstrate a commitment to integrating the building thoughtfully into its surroundings. Attractive landscaping around the site, will improve its appearance and biodiversity, and contribute positively to the look and feel of the area.

In addition, the lack of an affordable supermarket means that residents currently face limited choice and higher costs, often without access to a good range of products. Aldi's reputation for offering high-quality goods at competitive prices, alongside a broad and reliable product range, would fill a clear gap in local provision.

We are also encouraged by Aldi's commitments to sustainability, including energy-efficient store design and responsible supply practices, as well as the creation of stable local jobs. These aspects align well with broader environmental and economic priorities.

Finally, we particularly value Aldi's international food selection and diverse product range, which reflects and supports the varied needs and cultures within our community.

For these reasons, we strongly support the approval of this planning application and believe the proposed Aldi store would bring clear social, economic, and environmental benefits to our town.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our views.

Yours sincerely,