

Appendix A

Submission of Questions, Representation and Evidence Form

Questions, representations and evidence must be submitted in writing using the form provided **three working days before the meeting** either by email to enquiries@saltash.gov.uk or sent to The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore Street, Saltash PL12 6JX.

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Do you give consent for your personal details to be published and made available in the public domain, please circle below: ☒ Yes ☐ No	
Are you attending the meeting in person to ask your question, please circle below: I hope to attend but if I am unable to please can it be read on my behalf Yes or No	
If your question relates to a Planning or Licensing Application, please confirm the application number, name, address and whether you support or object. No member of the public may speak for longer than three minutes: Aldi Consultation	
Question, Representations and Evidence: A question must be submitted in a clear and concise manner and may include representations and supporting evidence. Each person may submit only one question. No member of the public may speak for longer than three minutes. Please see attached	

May I give a response to the Aldi proposed plan for a supermarket on Burraton Field? I believe that I have a duty of care to protect the Saltash community from these proposals.

For the first part of my working life, I served in the R.N. and R.M. Commandos, including the 'front line'. I saw comrades killed and severely wounded. I picked up body parts of women and children. I saw what people can do to others. We protected communities.

Aldi appears to be hell-bent on making a profit at the expense of our community, I believe that Aldi is putting profit before people.

I have read the updated proposals. I believe that the document is flawed and in parts lacking integrity. For 30 years as a J.P. I had to justify my decisions. I will do so now.

The report says Aldi works and collaborates with the community. Not here. I suggest they work against the majority as shown in the results of your survey.

The report says they would invest over £10 million. Most of that would, of course, be for themselves to make a profit. Who are they to tell us where to re-invest their proposed £2 million, sweetener in public services?

The report says they will create approximately 40 new local jobs. That and any re-investment will not compensate for what we lose – and I would suggest a number would come from outside Saltash. It all comes down to profit before people.

The report cites the results of the public exhibition at Saltash Rugby Clubhouse on the 28th January. I attended most of the session and made my customary contemporaneous notes. It should have been a consultation. It was not. It was poorly done. The venue was too small for proper discussion, and so many of the hosts were inexperienced and unable to answer important questions, particularly about the loss of green space and traffic congestion. They were evasive. My notes indicated that over 90% of us were against the proposal. Feedback forms indicate a significant number were against. I can tell Aldi why so many were unsure. It is because they did not present the necessary facts properly – they evaded questions.

The report says they run additional traffic surveys. Are they concealing the results – which I expect to be adverse?

The report says Saltash is identified as having above average provision for public outdoor sports and children's play areas as they provide a 'wider context for considering the proposed loss of open space.' They take no account of the needs of older people, those with mobility issues, and do not drive. There is no alternative option, including the Aldi preferred option at Saltash School.

I would not like to live in Callington Road with heavy lorry deliveries early and late. It would be disruptive and damaging. There is already evidence of house prices being adversely affected. Aldi will not mind. They do not live here.

This proposal is all about making money – turning a profit. I have no problem with that in general, but when it involves exploitation, especially involving the community's physical and mental health over open space and traffic congestion. It is greed.

I was proud to serve and defend our country when in uniform. If this proposal is accepted then I shall wonder whether it was worth it, and why my comrades and I bothered! Aldi and its representatives should be ashamed for even considering this proposal. If our Town and Cornwall Council approve, this unreasonable proposal would be a gross betrayal of our Saltash community.

There are precedents. Some years ago, Sainsbury's wanted to build on Kimberley field in Saltash. They lost. Aldi wanted a supermarket at Ivybridge. They lost. Let us send them packing!