

Mr Stuart Rainsbury Council Chamber and Office The Old Courthouse 84b Commercial Street YO17 9ES

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Dear Mr Rainsbury,

Meeting Request | A new Aldi food store for Commercial Street, Norton-on-Derwent

I am writing to let you know that Aldi, the award-winning discount food retailer, is preparing proposals for a new, high-quality food store on land at Commercial Street, in Norton.

The proposed site, to the north of the town, is adjacent to several commercial properties within a designated retail centre in the Local Plan. The site was most recently used as a temporary car park but is now vacant, ideally located for a new Aldi food store that will contribute to local economic growth and provide up to 40 new, full-time jobs, paid at an industry-leading rate.

Aldi is aware that many residents currently travel further afield to access our low-cost, high-quality products. With the nearest Aldi store located around 16 miles away, a new store at Commercial Street would provide the local community with an award-winning range of low-cost, high-quality products, improving the local retail offering and keeping customer spending within the local community.

Aldi is committed to community engagement and will shortly be undertaking a public consultation on the proposals with the local community. This will include a virtual exhibition, press coverage and a community newsletter delivered to the nearest 2000 addresses to the proposal site. Aldi will also be holding a public exhibition event, to showcase its proposals and hear directly from the local community.

At this early stage of our proposal and given your role in the local community, I would like to request a **meeting with you to discuss our vision for a new Aldi food store at Commercial Street, Norton.** To coordinate a meeting, my colleague Mohammad Suhail from our communications consultants, Cavendish, will be in touch with you shortly to arrange a suitable date.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to discuss our proposals in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact Mohammad directly at 0161 359 4102 or via email at <u>Mohammad.Suhail@cavendishconsulting.com</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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