Commercial Waste Strategy

Proposed ALDI Food Store, Royston

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1.00 INTRODUCTION

This document has been prepared in support of an application by others to discharge planning condition 13 appended to planning consent ref: 17/01024/1.

The proposals outlined in this document relate solely to the Aldi Stores Limited retail unit and its operation post construction.

The UK government approach to addressing the waste problem and minimising the use of natural resources is to practise the 3R's in the Waste Hierarchy, i.e. **r**educe – **r**euse – **r**ecycle. These sustainable waste management principals are adopted for the operational phase of all Aldi Food Stores throughout the UK.

2.00 OPERATIONAL WASTE STRATEGY

Each Aldi Stores Ltd building is provided with a cardboard and paper bailer (see fig 1) in the warehouse of the store – the bailer compacts and binds material for return to the depot for recycling. Plastics, batteries and food waste are also collected and returned to the depot for recycling or anaerobic digestion.

For general refuse Aldi Stores Ltd has a contract with a national waste disposal company who deal with all general waste from the building. A secure bin cage is located in the loading bay area of the store (see fig 1).

Aldi's operational practice include the use of just one driver who unloads goods into the warehouse directly off the vehicle, the driver then collects any recyclable material to be returned to the depot.

At Aldi's distribution depot located in Chelmsford, goods are prepared, packaged and palliated ready for delivery straight to the shop floor of the store they are intended for. In addition to reducing the amount of packaging necessary for transportation, this also minimises the amount of vehicular movements required to each store.

The company places strict controls over packaging to minimise waste. Only returnable and reusable crates and pallets are used. The aim is to ensure that any waste that is generated is limited to cardboard and plastics, which are then recycled.

Figure 1 – typical floor plan

