Project	MCP2067 Aldi Sharston		
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1.0 Noise Statement

Introduction

1.1 This noise statement was prepared to support an application to vary Planning Condition 11, attached to planning permission: 111680/FO/2016/S2, which relates to delivery hours of the existing Aldi Store off Altrincham Road in Sharston.

1.2 Planning Condition 11 states that:

> "*Deliveries, servicing and collections, including waste collections shall not take place outside the following hours: 06:00 to 22:00 hrs, Monday to Sundays.*
>
> *Reason – To safeguard the amenities of the occupiers of nearby buildings pursuant to policy DM1 of the Core Strategy*".

1.3 Aldi wish to vary the condition to allow deliveries, servicing and collections 24 hours a day.

Consultation

1.4 Consultation was undertaken with Sue Jones (Environmental Protection, Manchester City Council) by email dated 8th February 2018. A response was received on 12th February 2018, stating that a detailed noise impact assessment would not be required to support the application to vary Planning Condition 11. However, a Noise Management Plan for deliveries outside of the currently consented hours would be required. This note provides a qualitative assessment of the likely noise impacts at the nearest existing noise sensitive receptors, and a Noise Management Plan for the night-time deliveries in **Section 2**.

Qualitive Assessment

1.5 The existing Aldi Store is located in an area comprising commercial/industrial premises and residential properties. The Store is to the north of the A560, Altrincham Road and the M56, with the nearest noise sensitive receptors located to the south, beyond the A-road and the motorway, approximately 80m from the Store. It is considered likely that the existing noise environment at the nearest sensitive receptors will be dominated by road traffic on the major trunk roads, and operations associated with the surrounding commercial/industrial premises.

1.6 Based on information provided by Aldi, it is understood that one delivery will take place during the night-time period (23:00-07:00), and the delivery vehicle will be a 38-tonne articulated vehicle, which will deliver stock to the Store and collect some waste. The Store has a dock leveller system, which allows cages to be rolled directly into the warehouse from the delivery vehicle, and a curtain seal installed, allowing the rear of the delivery vehicle to be enclosed within the delivery dock. These measures, together with the delivery area being located on the screened side of the building, should keep noise to a minimum and ensure an adverse impact is not experienced at the nearest noise sensitive receptors.

1.7 Given the location of the Aldi Store and associated delivery bay, and with the implementation of a Noise Management Plan (as detailed in **Section 2**), it is considered that noise from deliveries outside of the consented hours will have a low impact at the nearest noise sensitive receptors.

1.8 It is therefore considered that the application to vary the condition should be granted.

1.9 A suitable wording for the revised planning condition could be as follow:

> "*Deliveries, servicing and collections, should be carried out in accordance with the Noise Management Plan from the BWB Noise Statement dated 14/02/2018.*
>
> *Reason – To safeguard the amenities of the occupiers of nearby buildings pursuant to policy DM1 of the Core Strategy*"

2.0 Noise Management Plan

2.1 A Noise Management Plan will help to ensure that noise from deliveries and servicing does not cause an adverse impact at the nearest noise sensitive receptors during the night-time period (2300 - 0700).

2.2 Consideration should be given to the following measures:

(i) Staff and drivers being made aware (regularly) of their responsibilities and the importance of keeping noise to a minimum. This could be reinforced with correct signage at prominent locations, with adherence supported and monitored by management. Drivers could be issued with a Driver Charter outlining the required practices, such as:

- Give consideration to noise and local residents as you approach and manoeuvre your vehicle. Avoid revving the engine.
- Where possible, the use of reversing alarms should be kept to a minimum. Where a banksman is available, or it is otherwise safe to do so (such as reversing in to the allocated parking area), reversing alarms are to be switched off.
- Do not sound your horn.
- Engines are to be switched off when the vehicle is stationary, and when unloading is taking place.
- Refrigeration units should be switched off during unloading.
- Avoid banging into the side of the trailer when moving stock around in the rear of the vehicle.
- Radios are to be switched off and doors are not to be slammed.
- Be mindful of how far your voice can carry when talking.
- No whistling or shouting to get attention of site staff.
- Ensure doors and shutters are not slammed.

(ii) Only one delivery taking place at any one time.

(iii) Any pallet trucks, trolleys or cages used should be manoeuvred slowly.

2.3 It is considered that should the above recommendations be implemented, noise from deliveries during the night-time should be kept to a minimum and a low impact should be registered at the nearest sensitive receptors.