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Manchester City Council
Town Hall, Albert Square
Manchester, M2 5DB

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: ALDI - The Imperial Lounge, Victoria Avenue East 133148/FO/2022 – Condition 5 (b)

I am writing to provide you with an overview of the employment details and workforce development initiatives related to our store to discharge planning condition 5(b) of the above planning permission.

We currently have a total of 28 employees, including the Store Manager. This number would be expected to increase, in common with most other new stores, as the operation matures and popularity of the store grows over time. Of these 28, 16 employees were newly hired specifically for the store opening, while 12 employees transferred from other stores within our company. In turn, those stores where there have been transfers will have created new roles, generating further employment.

In terms of residency and Aldi's commitment to try to recruit as local to the store as possible, we can confirm that 3 employees live in Moston, 5 employees reside in Harpurhey, 4 employees are based in Blackley, 3 employees live in Failsworth, 4 employees reside in the Oldham/Chadderton area, and the remaining employees live across various other areas in Manchester. We have been pleased to be able to secure these numbers of staff from the immediate area.

Regarding job remuneration, we ensure that all employees are compensated with market leading pay. Our remuneration packages include highly competitive salaries and employee benefits designed to support the wellbeing of our staff. Our remuneration packages are reviewed annually and from 1st April 2026, our Store Assistants will get £13.50 p/h rising to £14.47.

We are committed to supporting workforce development through apprenticeships and training programs, with one staff member in Moston an apprentice. Both existing and new colleagues can gain their Level 2 Retail qualification through our Career Starter apprenticeship, which is designed as an entry-level role requiring no prior qualifications. We also offer our Store Management Apprenticeship, which allows colleagues to obtain their Level 3 Retail Team Leader qualification whilst working towards a permanent position within our store management team. Additionally, ongoing training is provided to all employees to enhance their skills, improve customer service, and maintain high operational standards.

We maintain positive and proactive dealings with the Job Centre, collaborating to facilitate recruitment, job placements, and employment support services. This partnership helps us connect with local job seekers and contribute to reducing unemployment in the area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or clarification.

Yours faithfully,

Josh Cropper
Real Estate Manager

