



Highways and Car Parking

Access and Parking

A new access road will be created off the A59 Northway with a new traffic light controlled junction. The position of the new access road has been designed to ensure that the operational performance and highway safety of the Dover Road signal junction is not compromised.

The proposed Aldi food store will provide 123 car parking spaces, including 8 disabled bays, 9 parent-and-child spaces, and 5 motorcycle spaces. The proposals also include 14 cycle parking spaces.

The proposal also includes the installation of two free electric vehicle charging points with passive infrastructure for a further 20 spaces which can be brought forward based on future demand and technology.

Deliveries

Aldi stocks a carefully-selected range of approximately 1,500 lines, compared with supermarkets such as Asda or Sainsbury's that stock over 20,000 lines. As a result, an Aldi food store will require only three to four deliveries per day.

We aim to operate store deliveries outside peak transport hours. All manoeuvring takes place within the site, and a unique delivery ramp arrangement removes the need for external activity. This process is not only efficient, but also reduces any potential noise disturbance to neighbouring properties.

Traffic

Aldi's project team has undertaken a Transport Assessment as part of the planning application to ensure the proposed food store does not have an adverse impact on the local road network. The scope of this assessment has been agreed with the Council's Highways Officer.

Traffic surveys have been undertaken (pre-lockdown in a neutral period) to evaluate the levels of traffic with and without the proposed development as well as considering upcoming developments in the local area. As a result, it is proposed that access to the site will be via a new access road off A59 Northway. Turning into this access road will be via a new traffic light controlled junction installed on A59 Northway. The junction has been designed and configured to operate efficiently alongside the improved Dover Road junction.

The proposed site access road incorporates pedestrian crossing facilities. The crossing facilities which currently exist to the south of the proposal and at the Dover Road junction will be retained. The operational performance modelling of the local highway network has established that the proposed development will not have a severe impact on traffic congestion or safety.



Aerial image showing red-line boundary of the site

