



Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

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Our ref: PCU/RTI/T1410/3329537
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Dear Dilys Iverson,

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Planning application by Aldi Store Ltd for the erection of Class E foodstore alongside access, parking, landscaping and associated works on land at Site 7a, Sovereign Harbour, Pacific Drive, Eastbourne (Application No. 220849)**

I refer to your previous correspondence with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities in which you ask the Secretary of State to call-in the above planning application.

The Government remains committed to giving more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues and believe that planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible. The call-in policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively.

The Secretary of State has decided, having had regard to this policy, not to call in this application. He is satisfied that the application should be determined at a local level.

I appreciate that this is not the preferred outcome for you, and I understand that there will be great disappointment as a result. It is however, now for Eastbourne Borough Council to determine the application and a copy of our letter to the council is attached for your information.

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers.

Yours sincerely

Mike Hale

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