

From: Richard Conway
Sent: 29 September 2020 09:36
To: Carolyn Wilkins
Cc: Corporate Projects
Subject: Re: Let's All Do Our Bit to Tackle Litter

Dear Dr Wilkins,

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to our CEO Giles Hurley. Giles has read your letter with interest and has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

In principle Aldi supports a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for plastic bottles and we are conducting a feasibility study into how we could implement such a scheme. As such we are actively engaged with DEFRA as they complete further research into a potential DRS in England, Wales and NI.

Due to the insight we have gained from similar schemes which are already in operation in Aldi Germany, USA and Australia, at this stage we do not have any plans to install trial machines in our stores in England. We are however, very much focused on our preparation ahead of the Government's DRS target implementation date of 2023.

Aldi is committed to tackling waste, and helping our customers do the same, to minimise our impact on the environment. We actively encourage our customers to recycle by providing clear information on all our product packaging and we also recycle plastic and cardboard waste generated through our store network.

We recently committed to halving the volume of plastic packaging we use by 2025, removing 74,000 tonnes of plastic during that time. This is part of our aim to achieve 100% recyclable, reusable or compostable packaging across all products by 2025.

More recently, we committed to halving the volume of plastic packaging we use by 2025 by removing over 2 billion pieces of plastic from circulation.

Thank you for your consideration and I wish Oldham Council well with your campaign.

Yours sincerely,

Richard
Richard Conway
Corporate Property UK/IRL
Corporate Property Director
ALDI Stores Ltd
Holly Lane
Atherstone
CV9 2SQ
United Kingdom