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Demolition of existing Aldi store and 452 Pinhoe Road, construction of new Aldi foodstore, reconfiguration of car park, amended pedestrian and cyclist access.

Dear Paul

I'm afraid this response may be late but due to current circumstance I hope it will still be considered.

We are pleased to see that Aldi's ecologists have made the following recommendations:

Potential Impacts and Requirement for Mitigation

4.25. To create a further enhancement for birds and in accordance with the South and South-West Exeter Residential Design Guide SPD (Exeter City Council, 2010) nesting opportunities for birds would be created through the provision of nest boxes incorporated into the new buildings, or on suitable retained trees, with such features positioned so as to provide easy access to linear features or grouped as some bird species prefer.

Our concern is that the above lacks detail and it would be helpful if the numbers, locations and types of box could be specified, we would suggest that these are marked on the working drawings.

We would recommend a minimum of eighteen integral boxes preferably more, these will need little or no maintenance, if boxes are to be attached to suitable trees as well they will need ongoing maintenance and/or replacement so it might be advisable to prioritize the former.

We recommend these are made a condition of the consent if granted and would welcome the opportunity to review what is proposed.

Regards,

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