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Dear Sir

<u>Application No. 2019/0366/FUL</u> Pennylands House, High Street, Skelmersdale, WN8 8LP

We have been instructed by The Skelmersdale Partnership who own and manage the Concourse Shopping Centre, to submit further representations in respect of the above detailed planning application. These representations should be read in conjunction with our correspondence dated 3rd December 2019 and 30th June 2020. This correspondence has been prepared to provide an update on the availability of the British Heart Foundation unit at 102 Concourse Shopping Centre.

Our letter dated 30th June 2020 indicated how it was possible to provide a larger Aldi unit within the Concourse Centre. We previously indicated that British Heart Foundation was about to sign a new lease however they are not now intending to do that and have indicated that they intend to vacate the unit on 22nd March 2021. Accordingly, the unit will be available and returned to the landlord (i.e. the objectors). With regards the Field Fresh unit, that position is unchanged. In view of the above, it is apparent that the enlarged Aldi store can be provided within a short period of time. Aldi have not therefore met the sequential assessment test as required by the NPPF.

We trust that this information will be taken into account in the determination of this application as well as the other representations made in our earlier correspondence.

Yours faithfully

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