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## Dear

I am writing regarding your correspondence addressed to our CEO, Giles Hurley, who has reviewed your letter and asked me to respond on his behalf.

Thank you for contacting Aldi with your concerns regarding the issue of plastic waste. It is encouraging that our customers are as passionate as we are about reducing our impact on the environment.

We are committed to continuing to make positive changes to our processes that impact the environment whilst still ensuring we deliver high-quality products at unbeatable prices. I am pleased to be able to provide you with some interesting information to assure you of Aldi 's reduction in environmental impact.

I would like to give you an insight into some positive initiatives that have already been implemented such as banning microbeads and microplastics from our products and that we have sent no waste direct to landfill since 201 4. In 2020, we removed 209 tonnes of plastic over lids from our Fresh Cream, Big Pot Yoghurts and Ready to Drink Coffee; changes across our Special Buys range has saved 35 tonnes of plastic and replaced 22 tonnes of unrecyclable plastic with a recyclable alternative. Most recently, we eliminated 535 tonnes of plastic lids from our baby wipes.

In addition to the above, we have committed to the following Plastic and Packaging Pledges:

- 1) We aim to eliminate problematic plastic packaging (black plastic, PVC and Expanded Polystyrene) from our Core Range Food products from the end of 2020.
- 2) We aim for 1000/o of our branded packaging to be reusable, recyclable or compostable by 2025.
- 3) We aim to reduce plastic packaging by 50% by 2025 (against a 2019 baseline).
- 4) We aim to reduce all packaging by 50% by 2025 (against a 2015 baseline).
- 5) We aim for 50% of plastic packaging to be made of recycled content by 2025 (30% by 2021).
- 6) We aim for 100% of our pulp-based Core Range Food packaging to be FSC or PEFC certified, or made from a minimum of 70% recycled content.

I hope the information so far is encouraging and shows our commitment to our Plastic and Packaging Pledges .

| Thank you once again for taking the time to get in touch about such an important matt er, and I hope the above assures you of our commitment to the environment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask and we will be happy to help. |
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| Once again thank you for contacting Aldi and I hope you will continue to shop with us.  |
| Yours sincerely   |
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| Jordan King Customer Experience Team  |