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Lord Redesdale
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Via Email: lukejb@parliament.uk

Dear Lord Redesdale,

Thank you for your invitation for Aldi to give oral evidence to the House of Lords Horticultural Sector Committee, as part of its ongoing inquiry into the UK's horticultural sector.

The championing of British growers and producers is integral to Aldi's mission and our actions in this space are a source of immense pride to all of us across the business. Indeed, we view our suppliers as trusted partners, many of which have been with Aldi since we entered the UK market over 30 years ago. That support for British growers and producers is stronger than ever today, and in 2022 we committed to spend an additional £3.5bn a year with British businesses by the end of 2025.

While I am very appreciative of the opportunity to discuss these points further, we are currently entirely mobilised and focused on tackling the challenges food inflation is creating for our customers and suppliers, therefore we will not be available to participate in the evidence session on this occasion. Please extend my apologies to the Committee.

Thank you once again for considering Aldi, we wish you the best for the inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Giles Hurley
Chief Executive Officer