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Good afternoon Mr Harrison,

As a concerned Hednesford resident, I would like to draw your attention to a dangerous situation that occurs on a daily basis on the Aldi Car Park in Hednesford.

This lunchtime I have again witnessed a 16.5 metre long truck trying to make a delivery to Aldi and having to turn around on the full Car park with shoppers moving around the truck as he does so.

This situation is an accident waiting to happen and would not be allowed if on commercial warehouse premises.

It is not only Aldi but B&M Bargains who also take deliveries during the day using 16.5 metre long vehicles. It is clear that when designing the store not enough care was taken to plan for deliveries and access to the loading bays at each store, where trucks must turn around on a busy car park and then reverse unaided onto the bay.

In my opinion pressure must be put on these Companies to change the way they receive their deliveries and I can suggest 3 immediate solutions.

1. Timed Deliveries out of normal shopping hours
2. Use of a trained Banks man to guide the truck and keep the area clear
3. Use of smaller trucks to make deliveries

It is my intention to write to both Store managers to make them aware of this situation and to try to gain a mutual resolution before there is a serious accident. It is not my intention to vilify neither the stores nor the hauliers who make the deliveries. In-fact as I work in the Logistics industry I have admiration for the drivers being able to negotiate the car park.

I look forward to your comments and support.