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Rob Weaver

Tewkesbury Borough Council

Proposed sale of land to Aldi

Dear Mr Weaver,

Tewkesbury Medieval Festival recently held a General Meeting and we write to object to the proposed sell-off; originated by Tewkesbury Borough Council, of the piece of land at the corner or Lincoln Green Lane, to Aldi.

Firstly, the removal of mature trees is deplored. These trees are a vital habitat for wildlife; they enhance the view on the corner of the lane, giving a country nature to what is increasingly becoming an urbanised landscape. This is especially important given the recent removal of trees round the sub-station and those removed from the TBC grounds when the Leisure Centre was built.

Secondly, Tewkesbury Medieval Festival would point out that this land is part of the original battlefield, and if the land is to be sold for development, then a detailed archaeological survey should take place before the land is covered under a hard surface.

Tewkesbury Borough Council have recently been putting up very informative signboards about the history of the town, and particularly about the Battle of Tewkesbury, 4th May 1471. This has led to an increased interest by locals and the visitors to Tewkesbury and TBC are to be commended in their efforts to enhance the visitor experience of this vital part of the Wars of the Roses.

Even though this is a small area of land, it would be a great shame if it were lost to urbanisation.

Yours sincerely

Penelope Tubbs

Chairman

On behalf of the Directors and Members

Tewkesbury Medieval Festival

Cc (via email) Andy Noble, Kevin Cromwell, Julie Greening, Residents Association Battle Estate, Tewkesbury Battlefield Society. Tewkesbury Park Hotel