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## **Granite Retail Park gets planning**

### **Planning consent secured for new retail warehouse park in Saffron Walden**

Plans for the first retail warehouse park in Saffron Walden have been given the go ahead by Uttlesford District Council.

Granite Developments proposals to redevelop the site on Thaxted Road include a new food store of 16,400 sq ft for Aldi with an additional 32,000 sq ft on non food retail warehousing, a 1,750 sq ft café along with 220 car parking spaces. Construction of the new Aldi store is proposed to begin in the Autumn with a projected opening in Spring 2014.

The site is located on Thaxted Road to the east of the town centre where significant residential expansion is proposed.

Charles Owen, Director of Granite Developments, said: "Saffron Walden is growing with 800 new homes proposed on land surrounding our site. The Granite Retail Park is ideally placed to capture business, not only from these new homes, but also the existing resident population in this lovely market town."

MP Real Estate Director Neil Perrin, who is letting agent for the scheme, said, "The early commitment of Aldi demonstrates the undoubted appeal of the location of the Granite Retail Park. The provision of new modern retail facilities in Saffron Walden will help to claw back expenditure currently lost to towns such as Cambridge and Bishop's Stortford."

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