Aldi eyes up nine Staffordshire locations for potential new stores

Supermarket giant Aldi is considering nine locations in Staffordshire where it could open a new store.

The retailer has announced that it will be opening 100 new stores across the UK over the next two years as part of a £1.3 billion investment.

The move is part of efforts to grow its retail estate which will see it open an average of one new store a week.

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Now Aldi has revealed the nine areas in Staffordshire where it is currently looking for sites.

They include:

- Codsall
- Penkridge
- Wombourne
- Cannock
- Cheslyn Hay
- Lichfield
- Chesterton, Stoke-on-Trent
- Lightwood, Stoke-on-Trent
- Stapenhill

Aldi, which has more than 920 stores across the UK, is searching for freehold town-centre or edge-of-centre sites suitable for property development.

The supermarket says it is on the lookout for sites that are

big enough to accommodate a 20,000 sq ft store and around 100 dedicated parking spaces – preferably on a prominent main road and with good visibility and access.

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Richard Thornton, communications director at Aldi UK, said: "We're continuing to gain even more customers – with over 60 per cent of UK households shopping with Aldi in the last year.

"Our focus is on expanding our store estate, making sure Aldi is accessible to as many of these new shoppers across the country as possible. Looking ahead, we are excited to provide millions of new customers with access to Aldi's award-winning quality and unbeatable value as we create even more places and more ways to shop with us."

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