



Are you one of the many AB shoppers deserting Waitrose for Aldi?

I tend to shop at Sainsbury's in my local town. But I use all the different supermarkets from time to time. In terms of Aldi, most recently I was at their headquarters, celebrating their expansion plans. Both Aldi and Waitrose have played a big part in Britain's mass job creation. With Aldi doubling their number of stores and Waitrose announcing more new jobs, even more people will be bringing home a wage – and I'll do everything I can to see more people have that security.

David Cameron responds to a grilling by The Grocer

In an exclusive Q&A, the leader of the Conservative Party sheds light on his policy priorities for the food and drink industry

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Food and drink is the largest manufacturing sector in the UK and has more small businesses than any other sector. What will you do to give it a greater voice and role in the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills rather than just Defra? One in eight jobs in Britain are in food and drink. The number is rising day by day as employment in Britain hits record levels. We've been clear: it's not just down to Defra and BIS to push this industry, but the whole of government. Look at the Foreign Office. They've helped Hobgoblin and London Pride to

launch in Serbia; they've supported Thatcher's Cider in setting up in Australia. UK food & drink has really come into its own in recent years, and with our backing I know it can reach even more markets and go even further.

Why has the government not put forward a more pro-business argument on immigration, which is vital to support food producers? I've been absolutely clear that the UK benefits from being an open economy, welcoming foreign companies, tourists and immigrants who come to contribute to our society. Britain needs some highly

As a parent, how do you ensure your children are not eating too much sugar?

We know eating too much sugar can have a significant impact on health. Like other parents I worry about what my own children are eating. We've rolled out voluntary front-of-pack nutrition labelling – something I use when I'm choosing food for my family.

