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PLANNING APPLICATIONS BY S&A PRODUCE LIMITED

Proposed Developments at Brook Farm, Marden and Brierley Court Farm, Brierley

SUPPORTING LETTERS FROM COMMERCIAL PARTNERS

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12th December 2008

Dear Ms Edmonds

Re: S & A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation at Marden and Brierley

I am writing in support of the planning applications for polytunnels and seasonal workers' accommodation submitted by S & A Produce.

We are a franchise dealer of new and used Mitsubishi vehicles.

Our company has supplied S & A Produce with several new L200 pickups. They return to us on a regular basis to have the vehicles serviced in our workshop. We also supply them with parts, tyres and valeting services.

We estimate the monetary value of their business to us over the past few years to be in the region of £294,000.00.

If the business from S & A Produce were taken away our sales and workshop would suffer which could result in staff being made redundant.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Rebecca,

I am delighted to write in support of S&A's planning proposals.

Ninedots has delivered a range of services to S&A since 2001 and in particular contributed to the improvement of management control and effectiveness over the last 2 years. Our initial connection came through training in project management and bespoke training assistance to your finance team.

More recently, we have partnered your Board through the changes made to introduce Harvest Managers and other new roles – this has involved reviewing internal culture and behaviour; analysing operational management structure and roles; re-mapping the operations processes to achieve both better picking rates and better staff welfare on the field and other 'shopfloor' areas of the business; designing and delivering induction training for Harvest Managers and others; training recruitment officers including in-country observations and feedback to improve the processes of interviewing and informing potential new recruits to the picking & packing operation. Throughout, this has involved us working closely with the board and senior management team in setting, defining and delivering business and project objectives.

Over the past 2 years, this work has represented approximately £70,000 income for Ninedots and we are currently discussing with S&A's Operations Director how we can assist in the preparation of the team for the 2009 harvest. We view S&A as a continuing strategic opportunity for our company — both to contribute to and benefit from the growth and improvement of S&A's business. These levels of expenditure place are significant to Ninedots and we also supply to a number of local businesses who would suffer should their business from S&A decline.

As we have discovered through our facilitation of the Board at a strategic planning workshop, coaching Board members and our work with other growers in the region

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and the dairy industry nationally, farmers need to be both 'industrial' in their approach to efficiency and effectiveness and professional in their management of people, teams and community relations in order to survive in today's competitive markets. Those farms that achieve this contribute tremendously to local and national economies and communities and deserve the support of those around them.

In our view, S&A has addressed these challenges over recent years and are well on their way to being counted as such a farm. They have a professional and highly effective board and management team in place who approach their duties with an ethical standpoint alongside their need to be hard headed about business realities.

They are a strong net contributor to the region and we are delighted to support them in their continuing development including in their plans to manage husbandry in modern ways.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Procter Managing Director

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Re: Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Accommodation for Seasonal Workers at S&A Produce Sites at Marden and Brierley.

Dear Rebecca

On behalf of HFT Forklifts Ltd, I write to register our support for the above-mentioned planning applications.

In today's economic climate especially, it is vital to support successful businesses as so many companies in this area are struggling to survive. Surely the management of S&A Produce are to be applauded for the success they have achieved in a very competitive market and in the very real business of food-production, polytunnels are vital to the process. In other European countries, polytunnels are widely used (even hot countries like Spain).

We have supplied material handling equipment, ancillaries and services to S&A Produce for many years. During this period S&A has contributed several hundred thousand pounds to HFT's turnover.

In my opinion with the economic downturn, recession and job losses, by taking away the business we get from S&A Produce and maybe other enterprising agriculture-based companies, who have fought to diversify and successfully compete in today's market, this will have a major impact on businesses like us and to employment in the county of Herefordshire.

Yours sincerely

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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: S&A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers' accommodation at Marden & Brierley

We are a Waste Recycling Company, having been in business for many years dealing with many local Companies in Hereford and the surrounding countryside. S&A Produce has been one of our valued customers for many years now. All their waste is brought into our Waste Transfer Station in Hereford on a weekly basis to be recycled.

On average S&A Produce' business is worth approx £3,000 net per month which would have a considerable knock on effect should we loose this business especially in the current economic climate.

We have always had an excellent working relationship with S&A Produce and would like to take this opportunity to show our support in their proposed new venture.

Regards

Joe Lively

Managing Director

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10 December 2008

FAO Rebecca Edmunds Community Relations Manager S & A Produce Ltd Brook Farm Marden Hfds HR1 3ET

Dear Rebecca

Re:

S & A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Agricultural Workers Accommodation at Marden and Brierly

am writing in support of the planning applications for Polytunnels and seasonal workers accommodation as submitted by S & A Produce Ltd.

Our company, Ravenhill Ltd, is an agricultural engineering business based at Beech Business Park in Hereford. We provide a sales and service facility to Herefordshire agricultural businesses.

We have for many years been privileged to supply S & A Produce with new and used machinery and tractors to enable S & A Produce to carry out their business on a daily basis. A large proportion of our business with S & A Produce would also involve the servicing and supply of spare parts to keep this machinery working at all times of the year. We have been dealing with S & A Produce for over 20 years and we have seen our business dealings grow with S & A Produce to a present valve in the region of 350K per annum.

Overall, if Herefordshire as a county did not have the diversity of agricultural enterprises and food production that polytunnels allow, our business would see a reduction in tumover in excess of £1,000,000. This would result in the reduction of the number of staff employed here.

Farming has undoubtedly changed over the years. The success of many Herefordshire businesses is down to the forward thinking and flexibility of Herefordshire farmers, to provide produce to the UK consumer both in season and out and at a price that is acceptable and competitive without shipping and transporting produce from other countries. The use of polytunnels is essential for this to continue and without this valuable addition to Herefordshire's diverse agricultural portfolio many local businesses would suffer a large proportion in income both directly and indirectly.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Mitchell Branch Manager



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Hereford Forklift Training would like to support you in the planning applications for polytunnels and seasonal worker commodation that you have submitted.

We provide all the industrial Health and Safety training for your employees along with general consultancy to the inagement on safety legislation at work. We have provided this service to yourselves for a number of years now and this makes up proximately 20% of our annual turnover, this is our "bread and butter" which we need in order to survive in todays difficult ancial climate.

We wish you every success in this application, and on a personal note i would like to add that i have lived in this area my life and so recognise the need for farming to change and develop in order to remain competitive. Personally i see polytunnels a essential part of this process.

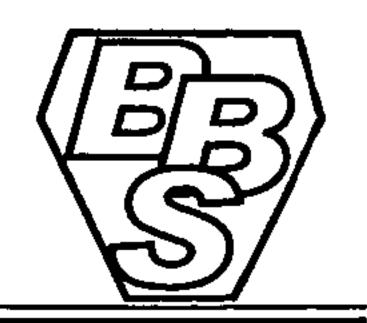
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Re: S & A Produce Planning Applications for poly tunnels and seasonal workers accommodation at Marden & Brierley

I am writing in support of the planning applications submitted by S & A Produce to erect Poly tunnels and accommodation for seasonal workers at Marden and Brierley.

My company supplies a range of rotary power motion products to S & A Produce which includes bearings, castors, chains, sprockets, pulleys and vee belts, plus many ancillary items required in farming and fruit production. I have been a supplier to S & A Produce for over a decade and their local production has obviously required local suppliers which generates much needed revenue for the whole community. S & A Produce are a vital customer to my business and their continued success in the area benefits all suppliers, their departure would be a great loss to us in particular.

It is imperative that this type of farming and crop growing continue in our rural community to assist diversification for local growers as traditional farming declines. It should be remembered that our Countryside is a "Working Factory" and not just a pretty place to live or visit, it is probably one of the last industries that Britain will ever have left!

I would urge you to pass these applications and in so doing help local employment and pump much needed revenue into the coffers.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Rebecca

Ref: S&A Produce Planning Applications for improved worker facilities and polytunnels

We would just like to lend our support to your application. We value our working relationship with both the Brierley and Marden sites where we have now provided English Language Tuition Programmes to your seasonal workers for the last three years. We have enjoyed being involved with many different nationalities who have a unique opportunity to broaden their horizons in what still remains a very 'caring family business'.

We hope that we will continue to be able to contribute to the excellent work that your dedicated Welfare and Entertainment Team do to give workers opportunities to experience UK life, language and culture.

Please let me know if we can provide any information or testimonials in support of your very positive business developments which are so crucial to the local economy and impact on so many individuals and businesses in this rural county at a time of deepening recession.

Good luck!

Yours sincerely

Adrian Eakins BA RSA PGCE Dip.OT

DIRECTOR





11th December 2008

Rebecca Edmonds
Community Relations Manager
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Dear Rebecca

Re: S&A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation at Marden and Brierley

Please accept this letter as confirmation that Muddy Boots Software supports the planning applications for polytunnels and seasonal workers' accommodation submitted by S&A Produce.

Muddy Boots specialises in field based crop recording, auditing and traceability solutions for the global food industry. Based in Phocle Green, Ross-on-Wye Muddy Boots has been supplying S&A Produce with CropWalker farm management software since 2001. Each year a license fee is collected from S&A Produce - it is license fee revenue which enables us to maintain the high standard of our technical support and system development.

It is crucial that the agricultural sector evolves to maintain competitive advantage and as a result farming has changed significantly in recent years. Polytunnels are important to UK growers if they are to continue to increase, or even to maintain their share of the market compared with imported produce.

Yours sincerely

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Ref: S&A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation at Marden and Brierley.

Dear Rebecca

We write with regard to the pending applications for polytunnels and accommodation at your premises. This would obviously benefit yourselves greatly, meaning an increase in workload and more security for workers. The accommodation would mean that your workers would be there and ready for each days picking. This would obviously benefit ourselves also, meaning extra work for our employees and increased tumover.

Our company collects produce from various businesses, and re-delivers throughout the day to supermarkets, and nightly fruit & vegetable markets throughout the country. We have been established for approximately 20 years, with the supermarket side being an ever expanding side for us now.

The service we provide for S & A Produce, is a daily collection of fruit, which are then brought back to our premises, and re-sent out to various Lidl supermarket, including Bridgend, Lutterworth, Runcorn to name a few. We have been working alongside S&A Produce for about 2 years, and maintain a healthy work partnership, with revenue reaching a monthly turnover of £35,000.00. Obviously if we were to lose this business because of a refusal in planning, as with all our other customers, the impact would mean less produce on loads, a big loss of revenue, and maybe even job losses as load runs may have to be re-shuffled.

In the current financial climate we feel that ANY way to generate extra business, and maybe even extra jobs, and revenue can only be for the good.

We wish you luck with your planning application, and should you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your sincerely

Mr P Jones

Supermarket Manager

Bannister Bistribution & Logistics

Rebecca Edmonds,
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Wednesday, 10th December 2008

RE: S&A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation at Marden and Brierley

Dear Rebecca,

I am writing in support of the planning applications for polytunnels and seasonal workers' accommodation submitted by S&A Produce.

Bannister Distribution and Logistics is a road haulage business trading since 1965, which specializes in the collection, consolidation and delivery of refrigerated fresh produce. Roughly ninety percent of our entire customer base is made up of local producers. Throughout the year, and especially during the summer months, a very high volume of produce is generated by S&A, representing a significant increase in business for us (nearly a quarter of a million pounds turnover since April) as well as for other key elements in the food chain.

The nature of our business means that most if not all of our customers rely on the use of polytunnels. In recent times, costs for our business have increased exponentially and certainly without the lengthened summer season provided by the use of polytunnels, our business would struggle to survive. Moreover without them, more produce would have to be imported by foreign hauliers to satisfy UK demand. This means more food miles, higher costs at the supermarkets, and less support for the local economy.

Should Herefordshire County Council decide not to grant permission, I would be very concerned not only at the loss of revenue from S&A, but also at the possibility that other local councils might follow suit. As mentioned, most of our customers rely on polytunnels so if any precedent is set it could spell disaster for us, for British Farming and the economy as a whole.

Yours Sincerely,

Tom Owens

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S & A Produce (UK) Ltd Brook Farm Marden Herefordshire HR1 3ET

For the attention of Rebecca Edmonds

Dear Sirs

Re: S & A Produce Planning Applications of Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers Accommodation at Marden and Brierley

We write to confirm our full support of the planning applications for polytunnels and seasonal workers accommodation submitted by S & A Produce (UK) Ltd.

We are specialist engineers in the field of lighting and handling equipment, operating throughout the West Midlands and South Wales areas. We are recognized as one of the largest independent lifting companies in the UK and have been trading for over 30 years.

Since 2000 we have provided a sales and hire service to S & A Produce (UK) Ltd with an average trading of £5,000 per annum.

We feel that it is very important to back local businesses and we must all understand that new ideas/developments must be supported in order to remain competitive in an ever-changing world.

Yours faithfully

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To whom it may concern,

Re: S&A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers' accommodation submitted by S&A Produce.

It has come to our notice that S&A Produce one of our clients has made a planning application to your planning department for their business to enable them to continue trading.

We are aware that there have been previous attempts for planning approval. However we are hoping that common sense this time will prevail and therefore permission will be granted. By doing so, you will save us, as a nation having to import the products that S&A Produce grow. This will improve our countries balance of payments.

It will also keep people employed who would otherwise end up unemployed, which is a cost as a tax payer we can all ill afford in the current climate.

It will utilise the land beneficially rather than being set aside, once again at our cost.

The goodwill we receive from S&A Produce enables our business to survive and gives me employment.

Yours Faithfully

M 1 Jones

Driver



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Dear Sirs

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S&A Produce planning applications for Polytunnels and seasonal workers accommodation at Marden and Brierly.

As a specials refrigerated Transport Company we rely heavily on people like S&A Produce to supply us with regular work. We employ fifty part time drivers from various walks of life who depend on us to assist their pensions and mediocre incomes, so they can have a better standard of living or go on holidays they cannot normally afford.

As a service, we offer S&A Produce delivery of loads to Regional Distribution centres such as Tesco, Sainsbury, Waitrose etc. Companies such as S&A Produce are vital to our industry as one of our main lifelines for haulage. We have worked with S&A Produce for the last eight years and we hope to continue doing so for many years to come.

I feel very strongly that British farms should have the full support of the great British public at all times. We live in a country that once was an empire but has now dwindled. We have very few exports too many imports and our home growers are faced with an increasingly unknown climate of weather. I feel that anything, including Polytunnels, and having all year round workers, is just what this country needs in these terrible times to help drag this country back from an ever nearing abyss being dug by our own people.

Everybody needs good quality affordable food on their plates, so let's help each other in these trying times and carry on doing anything to get this country back on its feet.

Agriculture has always been a great part of our Economy so saying no to anything progressive in farming is just another nail in an already apparent coffin for this country.



Polytunnels are an affordable means of combating climate change so let's not stand in the way of progress. I hope my views will be endorsed by others and in no way offend anyone else.

Should S&A Produce falter or close, we will once again face an uphill battle to continue in business.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear Rebecca Edmonds,

RE: S&A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation at Marden and Brierley.

I am writing on behalf of Bookers Wholesale LTD, in support of the planning applications for Polytunnels and seasonal workers' accommodation submitted by S&A Produce.

Bookers is a wholesale/cash and carry company supplying goods to many of the surrounding catering and retail businesses such as S&A Produce. We supply S&A with groceries and other general goods. Many of the workers that are employed by S&A Produce generate a healthy amount of sales for Bookers in the region of £200,000 a year.

We stock local produce from companies in Hereford and surrounding areas so if we lost that along with the custom from the workers at these establishments it would have an impact on our sales in general.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear Rebecca

Re: Planning Applications for Pollytunnels and Seasonal Workers Accommodation

We confirm that you have our full support in connection with your recent planning application.

Metal Work Supplies have supplied S & A with fasteners, fixings, general engineering components and tooling for over 10 years and we have seen a significent increase in the size of the operation over the period.

You are in the top 10 of our customers by turnover. In a recent survey carried to confirm where our business comes from, we found that 60% of our customers were involved with farming or have close links with the farming industry.

It would have a significant impact on our company if a company of your size is forced to reduce its operation because it is unable to expand in the direction it sees as having the most potential for profit and job creation.

We are all aware of the current plight of the farming community as it lurches from one crisis to another. If the formula for success is polytunnels and seasonal workers accommodation then this has to be the way forward.

Yours sincerely

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<u>S&A Produce Planning Applications For Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers</u> Accommodation at Marden and Brierley

I would like to register my support for the new planning application for polytunnels and seasonal workers accommodation submitted by S&A Produce.S&A Produce are already a local employer and should be encouraged in these difficult times to help provide further employment and economic growth in the local area whilst also providing the work force with good working and living conditions.

I am a new business which has received support from S&A Produce, My company provides them with a wide range of supplies from tunnel repair tape to lanyards for identity cards. S&A Produce have contributed nearly £20,000 to my company turnover which is approximately 10% of my business. I also supply the on site shop with goods that are supplied to the workforce.

I think if this element was taken away from my business it would slow my plans for expansion, I have already taken on one part time employee and hopefully when S&A become busier next year I will be able to increase my staff with further local employment.

All business has become more competitive, especially farming - which means better production methods are required and the new style of polytunnels do provide a better production process, I personally think that good accommodation leads to a happier and more productive work force.

I have been a supplier to S&A Produce for over eighteen months and hopefully through their plans for continued and sustainable growth in the farming industry my own plans for the future will be realised with their further support in the future.

Kind Regards

Chris Tulk

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Herefordshire Council Planning Dept.

Dear Sir

Re Planning Application S&ADavies

I was born in Herefordshire and have spent my life in Hereford

I was proprietor of Marden Service Station for more than 20 years prior to my semi retirement in 2001

I am landlord of the Marden Mini Market and a landowner

I am chairman of Marden Community Centre and am a representative on the Housing Ambition Group, Herefordshire PCCG and Landlords Consultation Group.

I would like to give my support to the above planning application.

I feel that farmers in the county should be supported in whatever way possible, especially with the present economic climate, with so many businesses having to close.

We tend to forget how much farmers contribute to the economy, not only by the workers that they employ but to the suppliers who rely on the farmers for the survival of their businesses. This will also have an effect on the local shops in Marden. One will definitely close as they rely, totally, on the foreign workers for their business.

It is about time that we stopped pandering to people who are against the progress of farming. These people being migrants from city life whose idea of the country is very different from reality.

Are these people going to fill the gap left if planning is refused? Are they going to employ the same number of workers to keep suppliers in business? I don't think so!

Do these people think about the effect on the countryside when they build their new houses, taking up valuable farm land? Do they think of the local residents who suddenly find themselves surrounded by a housing estate?

It is imperative that the council give these farmers their full support as food is the one

commodity that we cannot do without!

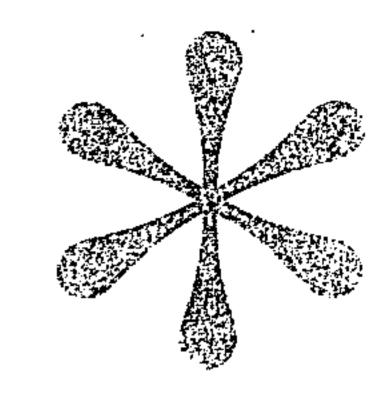
.Also, Hereford was built on Farming!

Yours faithfully

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Wednesday, 10th December 2008.

Dear Rebecca,

Having spoken to both Jan and Andre recently, and following our telephone discussions last week on the difficult trading conditions businesses presently face, I felt I must write to offer my support for your proposed planning applications.

As a small local design company producing work for many local businesses and organisations, as well as national and international organizations such as the Royal Air Force Association, the Environment Agency, Fiat, Hilton Hotels International and the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce, indeed we are one of fifteen Patrons of the Chamber. We are also a supplier to you, S & A Produce, and have benefited from this relationship enormously, with both kudos in the local business community and approximately fifty thousand pounds of revenue for my company. We have over the last two years produced both website solutions for you, and recently graphic design and print.

Agricultural businesses and allied trades in both Herefordshire and Worcestershire contribute an enormous amount within the local economy. Should this contribution be affected or removed we and numerous businesses like us would suffer, as would our employees most of whom are local people, many with families.

The demands of consumers for fresh healthy produce, in line with government messages on a healthy society, must I'm sure necessitate the type of farming that demands both seasonal workers with accommodation needs, and growing methods such as polytunnels.

I sincerely hope that your councils planning department takes the views of people such as myself into account when considering your application, as I know that any problems for your future in this area would have a disastrous effect on your suppliers, their employees and the local economy.

Yours Sincerely,

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Ms Rebecca Edmonds
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10th December 2008

Dear Rebecca,

Re - S&A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers Accommodation, Marden and Brierley Sites

I write with reference to the above planning applications expressing my support for the ongoing development of S&A Produce operations in Herefordshire.

As we are all aware the current business climate is declining in many sectors, however there are a number of companies whom have the capability to grow and move forwards. Farmers have been urged to become more commercial during recent years and it is only positive to increase the production of crops on European soil reducing air miles:

Our company has provided Pest Control prevention services for the S&A Group for over ten years and S&A currently generates in excess of £10K worth of revenue to our business. S&A are renowned for utilising local business services.

While I appreciate that strict controls must be in place regarding local authority planning, it is essential that an agreement can be obtained to secure and protect the delicate business structure within the county.

Our company is relatively small and yet has more than sixty individual suppliers of which half are local. The complete economic supply chain from farm to fork must be taken into careful consideration.

Herefordshire is proud and famous for apple production, can we not be proud as well as famous for quality soft fruit production.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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Ref:- S&A Pruduce Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal workers' Accommodation at Marden and Brierley

Dear Ms Edmonds

With reference to the above planning application I would like to show my support for for S&A Produce.

S & A Produce is one of our local customers. They are a valued agricultural customer and generate a lot of business in this area for us and many other local businesses. They employ local people and offer work and accommodation to many other people who do not live in this area. Fresh fruit is required throughout the year so to keep up with demand polytunnels enable fruit production to stay competitive.

Yours sincerely

A WADLEY

MANAGING DIRECTOR



12th December 2008

To Rebecca Edmonds,

RE: S&A Produce's planning application for polytunnels and accommodation.

As a company we have for some years now hired buses to farms for worker transport, last (08) years business from S&A was in the region of £30,000, I would like to see this at least maintained next year and I understand that if they cannot improve their business in the difficult times we have at present we and others who we deal with locally in Hereford will suffer and the work will go elsewhere probably out of the country.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Hoare



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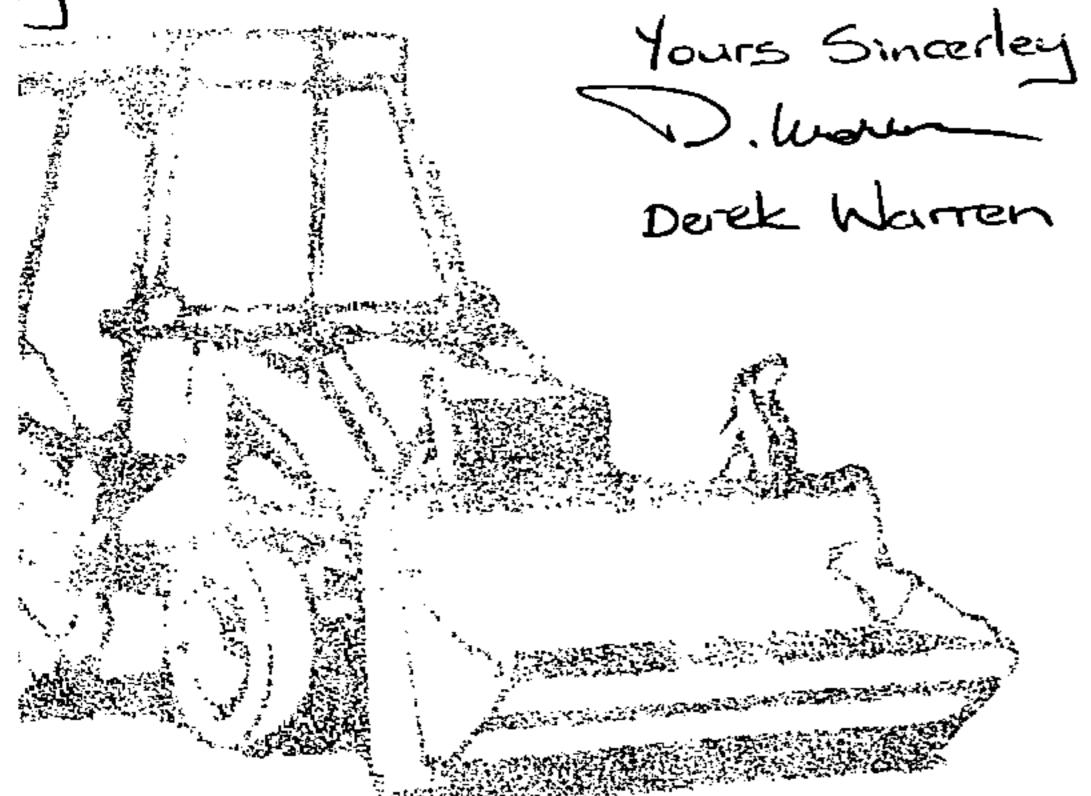
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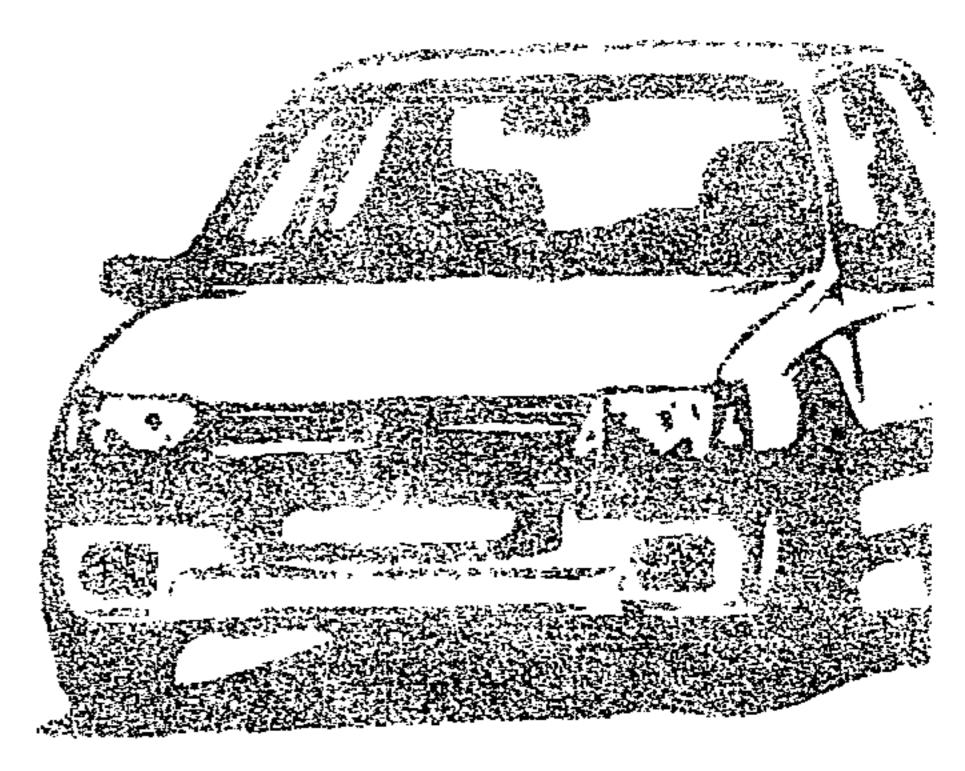
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I am writing in support of the above planning applications.

: am a self employed Mechanical Engineer and have worked at SZA in the last 4 years. SZA are my main source of work and income so any reduction or loss of work would mean a huge monetary loss of earnings to me and the possibility of the dosure of my business on fully supportive of the Company's application as this would ensure igular work for me





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S & A Produce. Brook Farm Marden Herefordshire HR1 3ET

10th December 2008

Dear Sirs,

We write to you as a company with reference to your future planning applications for development of the Marden and Brierley sites, and to wish you all the success for the expansion of your business.

As a small local company we employ twenty eight staff and have been trading with yourselves for many years, supplying a vast range of products from simple nuts & bolts (via our Rotherwas depot, Hereford Fastenings), general hand tools, security padlocks, safety & personal protection equipment, right through to specific hygiene products for the food industry. Just recently we have been quoting on clothing and embroidery from our new business Mark1 Corporate Workwear & Leisurewear. There has always been a good working relationship between us with a tumover of around £18'000 in the last few years. This is turnover we can ill afford to lose, particularly in the current financial climate. It also goes without saying that we have always remained competitive and would hope that this level of business can be very increased over the coming years.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Hyde MD

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8th December 2008

Rebecca Edmonds
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Dear Madam

Re: S & A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation in Marden and Brierley.

Letter of support for the above planning application.

We have been a supplier to S & A Produce for the last 6 years and would like to voice our support for their activities as a net producer for the economy of Hereford and Worcestershire.

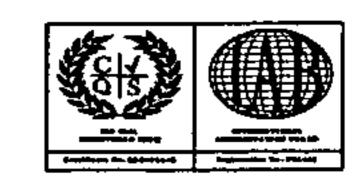
We supply them with backup power systems for their factory and temporary workers. The value of the work that we carry out for the group is about £20,000.00 and keeps one of my Herefordshire employees constantly busy.

In the work that we carry out nationwide for a whole host of customers it is refreshing to have a customer that actually contributes a product into the economy. I know that the demands of Supermarkets today with their margins means that producers to that market have to stay competitive and therefore understand why they need to move their business forward.

Should you wish to discuss this with me, please feel free to contact me on any of the above numbers?

Yours faithfully

Toby Tarplett Managing Director



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Mark Whitehead S and A Produce Brook Farm Marden Hereford HR1 3ET

To whom it may concern at Herefordshire Council Re. S and A Produce Planning Application for Polytunnel and Seasonal Workers Accommodation.

At present I am employed by S and A Davies as a Farm Manager and have been for the past year. The previous year to this one I was employed by them as a Harvest Manager.

Herefordshire is one of the most sparsely populated and rural counties in England and consequently there is a limited number of job opportunities available, especially at a management level. If planning permission is refused and given the current economic climate I think I would find it very difficult to find a comparable job elsewhere within the county. This would mean either trying to find what would probably amount to a non managerial position for substantially less money or moving away Herefordshire. Both of these options will create enormous hardship to my family and myself. On the one hand I would have to sell my house and relocate which in light of the current housing market would be difficult, costly and my children's education would be severely interrupted at a critical time. On the other hand I would struggle to meet my financial obligations and might end up having to sell my house.

Yours Sincerely

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Herefordshire Council
Application for planning by S & A Produce (UK) Limited
Ref. Poly Tunnels

16th December 2008

To Whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been employed by S & A Davies, as it is known among the local community, for many years. In January next, I will celebrate 21 years in service.

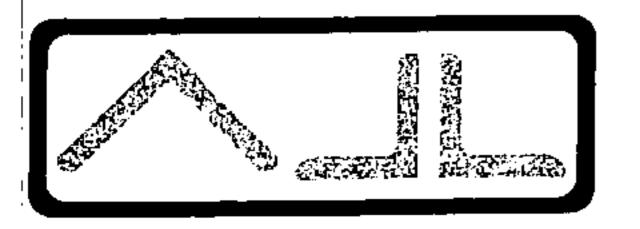
When I first joined the company, there were 5 employees and my job was a tractor driver. We all worked hard but enjoyed the work and the family atmosphere which a large company provides. As the years have progressed, I have worked my way up the ladder to become a Field Manager. The number of employees has grown and now employs people from all over the county but all these people will tell you the 'family' atmosphere is still there and we still have fun.

A few years after I joined my wife (although not then) also joined. If S & A did not get planning permission for their new venture on covered table tops, we all know that our jobs would be in jeopardy. It would be very difficult for me and my wife to get other employment so near to our home and families. To have to travel further afield and/or relocate seems impossible after all this time. In fact, are we at the age where we would not get any work?

All the above points to the fact that I enjoy my work, do not want to leave and would like it to be known that I fully support the application.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Howells



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Re: S & A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers Accommodation

Dear Rebecca,

I understand that S&A Produce are currently in the process of submitting planning applications for the above projects. S&A Produce have been one of our biggest customers over the last twenty years and we would like to think that we will be working with you into the future so I would be grateful if you could pass this letter on to the relevant authorities.

A.J. Lowther & Son Ltd was set up 60 years ago near Ross on Wye from where we have operated ever since. We employ 60 full time staff and a similar number of subcontractors designing, supplying and erecting steel framed buildings for agricultural, industrial and commercial uses locally and nationally.

Looking back over our records for the last 20 years there has never been a year where we have not carried out work for S&A Produce, making them one of the best customers that we have ever had.

However, merely looking at the turnover (which does run into millions of pounds) only tells part of the story. Not only have we received other contracts through recommendation and association with S&A Produce but as we have been entrusted by S&A Produce to assist in the design and development of their more sophisticated pack house and temperature controlled buildings, we have been able to sell such buildings to not only local clients in the Three Counties but also in Kent, Sussex, Berkshire, Essex to name but a few. This has been critically important in the success of our company over the last decade.

S&A Produce have been one of the most dynamic companies in Herefordshire. In every field of operation that I have watched it develop it has become either market leader or is heading towards leadership. Such success has swept other companies like ours along with it and brought huge, and often unrecognised, benefits to the county. If companies like S&A Produce are not to be encouraged by the Council one would have to ask what message are we sending out to companies in the county and others that may consider investing here?

Should anybody wish any further information tell them I would welcome them getting in touch with me.

Yours sincerely

J. Lowther

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9 December 2008

To:
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Re: S & A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation at Marden and Brierley.

We are writing in support of the planning applications for polytunnels and seasonal workers' accommodation submitted by S & A Produce.

We are specialists in JCB sales, spares and repairs and hire of agricultural machinery. With over 25 years in the business, we have seen massive changes take place within the agricultural industry and being so closely related to it, we are aware of the difficulties it faces.

Many of our farming customers, big and small, have had to diversify in order to survive the changing nature of the industry.

On an encouraging note, this can result in much needed increased revenue for other local businesses.

S & A Produce have been customers of ours for many years and we regularly supply self drive hire of machinery to them, making them one of our biggest local customers in this field. We also undertake repairs to their owned equipment.

Where agriculture suffers a tough market, in turn so do businesses supplying it.

S & A Produce's plan to develop their market is surely a positive step forward towards helping to boost the local economy and keep Herefordshire a rural community as we know it.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Stevens

S & A Produce, Brook Farm, Marden, Herefordshire. HR1 3ET ASTLE FIELDS

17th December 2008

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Stevens & Co Ltd)

Re: S&A Produce Planning Applications for Polytunnels and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation at MaRDEN AND Brierley.

I wish to write in support of the planning applications for seasonal workers accommodation and polytunnels submitted by S&A Produce at their farms at Marden and Brierley, which is essential if their commercial soft fruit operation is to keep pace with growing supplier/customer expectations and demands. To also provide seasonal workers with suitable accommodation and recreation facilities.

Castlefield Products Ltd. is a supplier and designer of progressive soft fruit growing and harvesting equipment, which is user friendly to facilitate both the growing and harvesting process, enabling S&A to produce top quality fresh fruit, rapidly from the field to the customer at economic cost.

In addition to our principal range of harvesting trolleys, barrows and specialist trailer range, Castlefield also supplies a unique range of clamps, clips and fittings to aid rapid erection and dismantling of polytunnels.

We have been suppliers to S&A since the early 1990's because all the products are manufactured locally in the West Midlands, using the traditional skills of local labour.

In peak seasons, our trading with S&A has been as high as £100,000 and for the 2009 season, we are already negotiating contracts for £50,000 of equipment, which is likely to grow as the season develops.

If S&A were not allowed to continue to modernize and upgrade its operation, it would be disasterous, not only to the Company, but to the industry in general. Castlefields has benefitted greatly from the close proximity of Brook Farm, which has provided a unique test base for the development of progressive techniques, which benefits the work force as well. Castlefields would be severely restricted as a small supplier, if this programme was not allowed to go ahead, and it would loose 20% plus of its's business.

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Agricultural and horticultural proceedures have changed dramatically in recent years in three main areas.

- * Crop protection from weather conditions 1e; polytunnels are essential.
- * Rising labour cost and scarcity of skilled labour for seasonal work.
- * Increased worker expectation for clean, hygienic accommodation with provision for "free time" leisure facilities.

The applications made by S&A meet all these essential considerations. We therefore support both applications in full.

Geoffrey M. Gwilt.

Design & Sales Consultant.