



24 October 2024

The Planning Inspectorate

Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING APPEAL APP/Y1138/W/22/3313401 – LAND AT HARTNOLLS FARM

We write in support of planning appeal APP/Y1138/W/22/3313401 – Land at Hartnolls Farm. As a well-established business in Tiverton we are a significant contributor to the local economy and wish to continue in that role. The business is currently seeking to expand and is looking for new premises. The large majority of our long standing workforce (~ 100 employees) are Tiverton based and as such the business needs to stay within the Tiverton area. The business has plans to increase headcount from the local area to around 150 staff within the next 18-36 months.

The proposed extension to the Hartnolls Business Park would provide an excellent site for relocation of the business to modern energy efficient premises and enable employees to continue to work locally at an accessible location. No other suitable relocation sites have been found and otherwise the business would be required to move much further out of the area with the loss of many of its workforce due to prohibitive travel costs to work and lack of local travel infrastructure. Additional employment land for modern energy efficient premises is much needed in the Tiverton area and we fully support the Hartnolls Farm proposals.

Yours faithfully



Gus Neil
Chief Operating Officer