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Dear Sir/Madam,

CAR PARK, SOUTH STREET, LANCING, WEST SUSEX
YOUR REF: AWDM/0118/23

This has been a little used car park in Lancing for many years. Only recently being heavily used whilst the Parish Hall was a Covid vaccination centre. I fully understand the reasons to make better use of this land.

Gardner & Scardifield and formerly Eakins of Lancing have benefited from it in a small way when our customers come to our store. This is not that frequent as most people are unaware of its existence or are wary of using either the entry or exit points. In the past we even offered repayment for any charges to customers to encourage its use. This was not successful.

In the past Gardner & Scardifield have tried to purchase the land only to have negative responses. More recently we were led to believe that a sale could be negotiated. An offer was made but no response from the council ever received. The land would greatly benefit us as a company and allow us to centralise our operations.

This proposal is no benefit to Gardner & Scardifield. The company has been operating from Lancing for over 100 years and is very proud of its Lancing heritage. I would like to think that Gardner & Scardifield bring something to Lancing and the community.

But we need help at times from our council, both local and Parish. By allowing this development to go ahead we lose the one piece of land close to us that would allow us to invest in Lancing. Retailing as we know is going through a tough time and Gardner & Scardifield are not immune to the general downturn.

The proposal for the car park is not beneficial to Gardner & Scardifield, nor is it beneficial to the people of Lancing and the immediate neighbours lose an overflow car park.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

NICK NEALE
DIRECTOR