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Hi Peter,

Please find below the Economic Development comments on the above application:

This 0.61 hectare site is located within Dolphin Road Industrial Estate in Shoreham-by-sea. The estate has one main access point providing good access to main arterial roads and is a short walk from Shoreham town centre, railway station and major bus routes.

This application seeks to enable the redevelopment of 50 Dolphin Road to provide a 3346 sqm state of the art, food manufacturing plant and head office location for one of the countries fastest growing FTSE 100 companies. This site is currently occupied by a vehicle recovery company who employ 12 staff and operate noisy vehicle movements 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Economic Development have been working with Higgidy to identify local expansion opportunities and enable the retention of their 250 existing local jobs. So far Higgidy has invested £6mil in their Shoreham manufacturing base, which currently generates a £17.8mil annual turnover. Higgidy have now secured another major food retail contract, which will require Higgidy to double their annual output by 2018.

Adur is experiencing unprecedented high industrial occupation rates, with only 1.5% of industrial space currently available across Adur. Higgidy has demonstrated real commitment to expanding locally and has been working closely with Economic Development to actively bring forward a new development opportunity. Economic Development has also been working with the current occupier to assist their relocation plans.

This application seeks to provide an additional 150 new jobs over the next five years, which is a 138 net increase in jobs on this site. Higgidy is a key local employer, employing a range of staff including highly skilled workers, apprentices and people who may otherwise struggle to find employment, through their employment inclusion policy. Higgidy actively supports the local supply chain and aims to procure locally for this development.

This application will increase Higgidy's parking provision to a total of 116 parking spaces and 12 bicycles racks. Higgidy operates a four shift pattern and have calculated that 116 spaces will enable parking for the 150 new jobs and ease parking issues at their existing site.

Economic Development fully supports this application to:

- Retain 250 local jobs
- Enable the expansion of a key local employer
- Provide an additional 3,000 sqm of high quality industrial floor space
- Create 150 new jobs over the next five years
- Ease parking congestion at Higgidy's current site

Kind regards

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