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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Full Planning Application for Unit 1, Rectory Farm Road, Sompting, West Sussex BN15 0DP**

I am writing to accompany a full planning application for the above site, following a previously approved application under reference **AWDM/1575/24**, granted in January 2025.

The purpose of this new application is to preserve the current and historic use of the site in a way that ensures operational flexibility for our business, while respecting the landowner's request that the original permissions—including operating hours—remain in place in the event of future changes in occupancy.

To achieve this, we are applying for a **flexible use class consent**, specifically:

**Change of use from Use Class B8 (Storage or Distribution) to a flexible consent for Use Class B8 (Storage or Distribution) / Use Class B2 (General Industrial) to be used for MOT testing, servicing, diagnostics and repairs (no bodywork or paint spraying).**

This revised wording reflects our actual and intended use of the premises, aligns with operational needs, and maintains compatibility with the site's planning history and local planning policy. It also provides clarity and continuity for both the council and any future users of the site, without altering the nature or intensity of the approved use.

The conditions approved on the grant of AWDM/1575/24 for the B2 use remain appropriate for that use. However, the B8 use is permitted for wider operational hours obtained under AWDM/0225/12, which should be retained for that use (5.30am-7.30pm M-F and 8am-1pm Sat). It is considered appropriate to limit hours of operation as achieved under AWDM/0225/12 (provided as an attachment to the application).

We trust that this approach supports the council's goals of sustainable and practical land use management, and we remain committed to operating within the agreed limits of hours and activity as set out in the original consent.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further details.

Yours faithfully,
**Kevin Pearce**