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Hi Jim,

I hope you are keeping well.

I am just touching base with respect to this application, and to provide you with some additional information.

The Applicant has, since the latest Coronavirus lockdown, been using the site as a temporary staging office for approximately half a day a week, as it is substantially closer to his home than his offices in Fordingbridge □ this has been twofold; one for security purposes, but also as it is convenient as you might imagine for social distancing. This does not change the position we have set out in the submissions, but we would rather be clear and open on this point.

The building is small, as you will note, and it does not provide a usable office for anything more than 2 persons maximum. The Pandemic has brought to light a significant issue with the viability of office spaces, as a result of the ability to work from home, and clearly small spaces which offer only provision for a couple of people to work effectively in close proximity are not a desirable proposition. The fact that this building saw no use for a period of around 5 years, prior to the pandemic is indicative of the fact that it will certainly see no use post pandemic. The demand for offices has dropped through the floor. The Applicant is seeking, as I have set out in the submissions, to put this in to a use which will be sustainable. And the only way to do that, will be to remove the restrictions imposed by this condition.

Happy to chat through the application in due course once you have had chance to review the details.

Kind Regards

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