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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to you in the hope of providing some background into our new company and the reasons behind supporting the amendment to Mr J Alexanders planning application.

Both my wife and I are airline pilots who have been severely affected by the current COVID pandemic and the terrible downturn in the Aviation Industry. We have both been furloughed over the last year and as yet my wife has still not flown at all for over a year. We were both given notice under section 188 of potential redundancy last year and Sarah's pilot position in Edinburgh was made redundant when her employer British airways closed the Edinburgh base. She was given the option of a position in London or no job at all. At present she remains employed but the situation is far from ideal or secure.

The situation above forced us to think very carefully about the future and if the worst did happen how we could generate an income. We came up with the idea of Motorhome rental business and began setting up the company. One of the key elements of such a company is securing the right premises to operate from. The ideal solution needed to be secure and weather proof and offer good access for our vehicles which are much bigger and harder to manoeuvre than an average car. We also wanted good facilities for our clients to use and and a setting that complimented the high end Motorhome Rental Market we are hoping to capture.

We thus began our search looking at premises around Stirling, Kinross and as far as Perth. Many options involved units on industrial estates with narrow or poor access, or where access was good, the unit was too small. It just seemed the "right" place was becoming impossible to find and that our embryonic venture could be doomed before it started.

It was whilst scouting sites in Kinross I noticed that some hangers had been erected at Balado Airfield. I approached Mr Alexander outlining our business idea and asked if perhaps his units might be suitable. We arranged to meet and visited the Site at Balado.

I can honestly say that the facilities at Balado are perfect for our Business the hangers there are exactly what we need, We asked if we could rent one of the proposed new units under planning review here. Mr Alexander was on board with our ideas and agreed to a long term lease option on the new hanger he had under application.

This agreement to rent a hanger at Balado would provide us with exactly what we need, a Secure and weather tight unit which can comfortably accommodate our vehicles and importantly support our planned growth. The access is excellent allowing easy entry and exit to the facility for our clients. The airfield it's self offers our client the chance to undergo a practice drive with our staff prior to leaving which is a fantastic thing to be able to do. This location is ideal for our clients with facilities available whilst their vehicle is either readied for rental or checked over post rental. The natural beauty of the surrounding country side a brand new unit with easy access to the Motorway system as well as being located on the new Heart 200 tourist route is the perfect location to support our business model of high end luxury Motorhome Rental.

After a lot of searching we have found the perfect facility in exactly the right location. It fits so well with our current requirements and also perfectly supports our future ambition as well. In fact I doubt we we have continued with the business plan had we not found Balado. I sincerely hope the the planning department will support Our new business and the contribution it will make to the local economy both now and going forward and approve Mr Alexander's application to allow a Motorhome Rental company to operate from the proposed new hanger at Balado Airfield.

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