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Date: 10.06.21 Supporting Statement in connection with NWS Motor Services, A41, Prees, Whitchurch, SY13 2HX

Dear Planning Department at Shropshire Council,

Please see below the business supporting statement in connection with the application for new storage and workshop facilities at NWS Motor Services Ltd.

Business Supporting Statement:

NWS has been supporting the local economy for over 15 years and employing local staff.

The business operates in a semi rural location off the A41 between Market Drayton and Whitchurch.

Despite the impacts of Covid-19 the business has continued to experience successive growth and is naturally looking to expand its range of services and increase its capacity. The business specialises in providing affordable engine repairs which has been the foundation to its success.

The site features a number of existing structures that are derelict and beyond economic repair. The applicant is seeking for planning consent to maximise the potential use of the site through the demolition of the existing structures and to replace them with new steel portal framed structures to meet the growing needs and demand of the business.

The proposed new structures will provide essential capacity to meet the demand levels for services whilst providing an increase in 20+ employment opportunities and apprentices to support local residents.

The new structures will not exceed the heights of the existing structures and the site is not adjacent to any listed buildings or properties that would be affected by the proposals. The buildings siting are positioned in an optimal location towards the rear of the site. The site currently has 2 established vehicle entrances that have clear unobstructed visibility splays.

As part of the proposals the applicant is seeking consent for a small number of units towards the east of the site to be rented out to businesses and individuals for secure storage use. Currently there is a significant lack of private secure storage units locally with the nearest availability located in Shrewsbury and Nantwich. The new storage facility will provide the opportunity for clients to store larger items safely and securely. The sites access is proposed to be access controlled and employ a number of staff to operate and monitor the site.

There have been reports of businesses actively looking for new storage facilities to house stock and other assets in particular recognising the continued growth in online retail.



As you can appreciate both the new storage facility and expansion for NWS Motor Services will have significant exceptional benefits for both the applicant and local authority through the increase in employment opportunities and supporting local economies and tax revenues.

Improving Sustainability:

As part of the proposals the new units will feature solar panels to help increase NWS Motor Services Ltd commitment to the environment and reducing its energy consumption off the national grid.

Parking provisions & Highways:

Careful allowances have been made in connection with providing sufficient parking spaces for the numbers of staff that will be operating at the site in any one given time whilst allowing for natural increases in capacity for clients vehicles.

NWS Motor Services Ltd can actively control the amount of vehicles present on the site which is common for the motor industry as clients typically contact the premises in advance of bringing the vehicle to NWS for repair work to be undertaken.

The site has currently 2 main entrance points with clear visibility splays to ensure safe access to and from the site.

Due to the nature of the business and location of the site it would be naturally expected for clients and staff to visit the premises via car as opposed to other methods such as cycling and public transport.

As part of the proposals a number of electrical charging points will be provided on the site for both clients of NWS and staff use as well.

Car sharing can be naturally encouraged for staff members who live in similar locations.

We trust this letter explains the reasonings behind the proposals and we look forward to the council responding positively and proactively in supporting local businesses.

Yours sincerely,

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