

DODSON & HORRELL

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Paul Newman New Homes Limited

Dear Sirs

Dodson & Horrell Limited have had a mill in the heart of Ringstead for 75 years. We have been an integral part of the community during this time providing employment, a Country Store and support for community projects. In the late 1970's our need to expand led us to purchase land on an industrial estate on the outskirts of Islip (some 5 miles away). We have purchased more land on this site over the years which has allowed us to expand further

We eventually moved our head office function to purpose built offices at this site in 2005 thus freeing up our old office site which we had outgrown in Ringstead for use as a business centre for small businesses.

The final stage of this process for the businesses development and continued and enhanced investment in the local area, is the relocation of the remaining operations at Ringstead. This will allow us to operate on one site from an industrial location whilst still remaining in the locality and continuing to employ our local staff.

The site in Ringstead has been a large part of the village for many years but, the requirements of the business has led to the factory working long hours and creating noise in a village environment which we have worked with the Local Authority to contain. However, it is now beneficial both for us and the village for the milling and pelleting operation to move to a more suitable industrial site. This will also give Ringstead the opportunity of providing through this development much needed local housing.

There will be very considerable costs associated with both the relocation and the new facility. There are also cost implication in the demolition and remediation of the site to facilitate the development. Accordingly, it would be hoped that the LPA would give favourable consideration to the current development proposals being brought forward in collaboration with PNNH.

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Pp Anna Horrell Director



