

Planning Department
Havant Borough Council

7th January 2013

Dear Sirs

Supporting Statement - Change of Use Application – Motorcare Centre, 68A Elm Grove, Hayling Island, Hampshire, PO11 9EF

The lease on the above property was initially taken out by my late husband, Timothy Blunsom, in 1988 and from the start he fitted sunroofs and did general servicing from the premises.

After his death in 1989 (when the lease was transferred to my name), the back yard was used by friends, customers and ourselves for engine fitting and general servicing and this has continued until the present day.

We have always been on very good terms with our immediate neighbours and have never received any complaints regarding noise, parking etc.

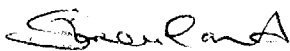
Our landlord during visits has also not had any issue with the fact that we work from the back of the premises.

Due to the increasing technology associated with the motor trade, fewer people now have the capability or equipment to work on their own vehicles which has meant that the sale of parts, which was the initial focus of our business, has gradually declined.

We have invested heavily in diagnostic software in order to keep up with the servicing side of the business. This now forms a large proportion of the shop income and we would not be financially viable without it. In fact, the servicing side of the business has taken off so much in the past year that we would like to take on an apprentice.

In light of the above, we hope that you will look favourably on the application for change of use.

Yours truly,



Sharan Newland
for Motorcare Centre

