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Dear Ms Zelazik,

Re: Unauthorised change of use of land – Your Ref: 18/00102/CMP

With reference to your recent visit to our premises at Palk Road and subsequent letter dated 27th November 2018, I would like to bring your attention to several points relating to the lease, business and factors surrounding these.

- An initial 3 year lease was signed in 2013, the landlord being aware of the nature of the business being storage and repair of pallets.
 - When we (myself and business partner) first moved in to the site, a gentleman from the council visited us and thanked us for bringing our business to Havant and employing local people.
- We (myself and business partner) then signed an additional 10 year lease in 2016.
- In May of this year, I bought out my business partner for a considerable sum of money and would not have done so had I have known about this required planning. Due to the 10 year lease I was under the impression my business premises were guaranteed until 2026
- We currently employ 14 members of staff.
 - Our usual working hours are 7:30am – 4:00pm Mon – Thurs 7:30am – 3:30pm Fridays
 - There is currently a nationwide shortage of pallets, but high demand means we are subsequently very busy therefore all pallets need to be turned around quickly to ensure customers business can continue. Everything is delivered on pallets and as such many companies would struggle to exist without the pallets we supply.
 - To cope with the current issue of a nationwide shortage, we frequently have to work on Saturday mornings between 8:00am – 2:00pm due to covering sickness, holidays and staff shortages. We have occasionally, as a last resort, worked on Sundays throughout the year if essential.
 - Our customers business stops if they have no pallets. Many of our customers are in Freight and Distribution and their customers are in pharmaceuticals and military and this has a huge impact if we are unable to supply enough pallets on time. Therefore, we endeavour to fulfil their orders. Due to the current shortages, I am not taking on new customers and am only committing to existing ones.