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Reference: Cardwell House accommodation facility HMO planning

Dear SHDC Planning department,

This letter is to assist Mr Rodd Swann and his application for continued HMO status for his separate accommodation to the main House.
Cardwell house offers J. E. Piccaver & Co (Gedney Marsh). (JEPCO) further staff accommodation. This complements that of our own accommodation and allows for small numbers of staff Year round. Compared to our Main site (Onslow Farm) which is closed during the winter months as per the planning for that site. An agreement that has worked well for a number of years now.

(JEPCO) are one of the largest outdoor Leafy Salad producers in the UK. The business employs close to 50 full time staff. In the main these all live in the South Lincolnshire area. The primary reason for our Accommodation facility requirement is that we require a large number of seasonal workers to plant, harvest & process Leafy Salads & Salad Onions, additionally to operate our small pack house at Norfolk house farm.

These people are sourced from Concordia which are a charitable labour sourcing operation. It is also licenced by the Home office at present to manage the Seasonal Agricultural workers (SAWS) scheme. JEPCO are part of this scheme. All these seasonal staff are directly employed by JEPCO on short term contracts. We have our own site manager responsible for seasonal staff accommodation and their health and safety.

The facility is a key element to the functionality of our business, without which we would have a less sustainable operation. Allowing us to have willing and able staff local to our fields also Cutting down the need to bring in staff daily from long distances, creating a positive impact to the local environment.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely

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