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Dear Sir

Windmill Nursery & Coffee Shop

I enclose a planning application for the development of dog kennels at the above site. The kennels will provide safe and attractive accommodation for mainly domestic pet dogs in the holiday absence of their owners. They will be administered in accordance with relevant protocols, in particular the "Model licence conditions and Guidance for Dog Boarding Establishments" (Animal Boarding Establishment Act 1963)

The requirements for dog boarding include the need for constant supervision, "A fit and proper person must always be present to exercise supervision and deal with emergencies whenever dogs are boarding at the premises" (MLCGDBE – 5.10.1)

Dogs barking at close range may produce a reading in the region of 95 dB(A) consideration has to be given to preventing nuisance to neighbours.

The siting of such facilities is inadvisable in residential areas or in industrial locations because of nuisance or difficulty of constant supervision.

The Council's Regulatory Services support the proposed site (see letter dated 10 January 2010) The location is ideal in terms of animal welfare, ease of traffic movements and the absence of neighbours other than the applicant.

Business Link are also supporting the new venture (see letter dated 7 December 2009) with a business plan and possible grant support.

The scheme will generate further full time employment on the site which is of great importance in times of current economic uncertainty in the Penistone area and will also help the economic security of the whole Windmill Nursery operation.

Planning & design issues are further addressed in the Design and Access Statement.

Yours fa[redacted]