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Dear

Draft Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan – Policy HIM08 The Jam Factory

Following discussions with our proposed partner McCarthy & Stone, we understand there is a proposal from the Parish Council to designate land owned and operated by ourselves known as the Jam Factory Policy HIM08 as “Green space” within the local neighbourhood plan. This is different from previous communication and plan that retained this space as ‘white’ for potential development.

Given the planning consent which has been in place and operational since the late 1990’s/early 2000’s I am surprised to note this development. As the planning consent clearly states this is clearly not open green Space for “community use”. Given access is also highly restricted and fenced off for security purposes.

This site has been part of the Jam Factory operations for a number of years and we consider the potential further alternative development uses for this site to be of the utmost importance to the future of the Jam factory a renown local operation which is one of the largest employers in the immediate area.

Any potential development achieved on this site could be key to the future viability of the current operation and its employees. With the receipts generated proposed to be utilised for the enhancement of the current factory premises along with environmental improvements which would have a considerable impact on the local community, and longevity of the current operations on site. This is likely to be through the further upgrade of effluent plant that is likely to be funded out of the proceeds of the development.

It is therefore our position that this proposal from the Parish council should be reconsidered with the utmost urgency given the operational planning consent in place and the implications on the future investment in this major local employer.

We are more than happy to meet with yourselves or representatives of the parish council to discuss this matter in greater detail at the earliest opportunity.





I hope you will give our position on this matter due consideration, and we await your considered response in this matter. Please feel free to contact me directly on _____ if a further conversation is required or appropriate.



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