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Ms Jillian Rann

Planning & Building Control

Kirklees Council

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Dear Jillian,

Application 2025/91122: Redevelopment of site for mixed-use E(g) (i, ii and iii) and B8 including: demolition of buildings and re-cladding of southern elevation of retained adjoining building; retention, conversion and renovation of existing mill/office/workshop/engine house building including alterations; erection of two new buildings; formation of two vehicular access points, service yard and parking areas; and other associated works.

Turnbridge Mills, Quay Street, Huddersfield, HD1 6QT

I am writing on behalf of to offer their formal support for this application.

have purchased Paxman Coolers site in Fenay Bridge. Paxman currently lease the building from , but the ultimate intention is that will expand their advanced manufacturing activities into that site over the course of the next year or so. A planning application for expansion has been at the pre-application stage for some time, and a formal application will be submitted in the next week.

have already outlined their support for the retention and expansion of Paxman in Kirklees. wish to add to that support. The approval of this application at Tunbridge Mills will allow the expansion of Paxman's business in the District, and will free up space in Fenay Bridge in a timely manner to secure the expansion of operation.

Both of these businesses are of considerable importance to the local economy.

has operated at the heart of precision engineering in Kirklees since the 1950's. The company has a well trained and highly qualified workforce, supported by a highly regarded apprentice scheme. expansion will support the creation of additional skilled jobs in Kirklees.

The seeding of that skill base and expertise into the wider local economy helps other local advanced manufacturing / engineering businesses to progress their business aims.

has resulted in the creation of a number of important local businesses. One local example is Wayland Additive- which has now grown to the extent that it also needs new premises in Kirklees, which is the subject of another current application that is being considered by the Council in Crosland Moor. That business is also likely to become a supplier to in the near future. A further example is Accu, a precision engineering supplier and manufacturer, now based in Holmfirth.

The importance of these businesses to the local economy cannot be underestimated. Making sure that there is enough land and property available to support their needs is a fundamental requirement of the planning system.

In this case, approving new space for Paxman will both facilitate the local growth of the health and life sciences sector, and also facilitate the timely expansion of at their current base- cementing the growth potential and considerable local benefits of the advanced manufacturing sector in the District.

We trust that this support assists with the balancing exercise that you need to achieve for this application. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Yours sincerely