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Winsham Parish Council

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Jubilee Hall

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Dear Mr Borsos

30th June 2019

The local Parish council represents the views of the majority of people in Winsham. The Parish meeting to discuss this planning application saw one of the largest turnouts (over 100) for any matter of public concern, where the local populace encouraged the council to voice its support. In the last Parish survey the shop / post office was rated as the most important community asset with over 92% of respondents rating it as "very important". The current Parish council (all recently elected) is unanimously behind the need to relocate our shop and post office which is the heart and hub of our local community.

Concerns have been raised regarding some safety aspects of the application. The villagers who attended the meeting know the situation well and who better to evaluate the negligible risk compared to the considerable benefit.

In light of a concern raised by the original planning application the council has, with the assistance of the shop committee, instigated a plan to promote an even safer environment by locating a permanent barrier alongside the B3162 at its boundary with the front of the proposed new shop location.

Once again can we request that this application is passed, to support those less able to use remote facilities and maintain the social fabric of our village.

Thank you from Winsham Parish council,

Henk Beentie

Dave Checkley

Stuart Davie

Jim Everard

Keith Fowler

Judith Hill

Sarah Love

Steve Weller