

Attn Paul Sexton
South Cambs District Council
Cambourne



20/9/13

Dear Paul,

I am keen for you and the planning committee to hear from us at Ion Science directly to ensure our voice is heard and fully understood, rather than just read in a sequential report that justifies every aspect rather than our personal plea.

Our proposal to build a new facility in Fowlmere has come about after looking at every available building nearby, realising that there are very few of them available for sale and those that could be considered close enough are just not suitable.

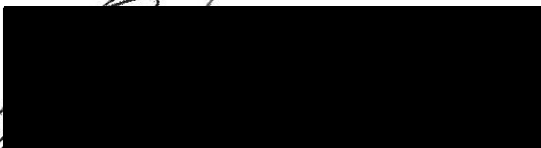
We are an expanding headquarters of a High Technology Company and are exporting nearly everything we produce. We need a future proof building that reflects this image and fulfils our standing. As we have built our business in Fowlmere since 1989 with our people at the centre of what we do, we are proud to boast most have been with the business more than 8 years. Because of this all our key staff are either from the village itself or surrounding villages. Even our people that have moved further afield because there is lack of affordable housing here, have parents or grandparents living here and some of our key staff were born in the village. Needless to say the connections have kept us here and are the reason we still wish to stay. Not because we are sentimental but because it makes the most sense to the business and all families we support.

I strongly believe that it is important to our employees, suppliers and customers that we continue to have a well-established "home". We do not want to re-locate and find ourselves in a soulless industrial estate miles from the people who have helped build this business into the success it has become. The process to find new premises has taken a huge amount of time and money and as you can imagine we are desperate to secure this new site and build as quickly as possible so we do not endanger the future of this business. The only complaint that I have heard to this proposal is this application is outside of a considered planning area. No complaints have been about the beautiful building we have designed or it being overlooked. Indeed everyone that has taken the trouble to engage with us has acknowledged that our proposals will improve a rather scruffy piece of brownfield site that surely should be used to keep locals employed and offer further opportunities for all into the future.

If the committee turn this application down then they will force us to look much further afield including options overseas and this will not at all be good for this village, the local businesses we use, including clubs and pubs, or dare I say UK PLC.

I am hopeful that our application will be considered positively and look forward to the day I can give our staff the news that we will continue to grow near their homes and families.

Yours sincerely



Managing Director