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To: Simon Davis
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Hi Simon

My apologies, I thought we'd responded to this one.

Economic Development would object to this proposal for the following reasons.

1. Loss of industrial floorspace. This is a modern purpose built unit on an established industrial estate which needs to be safeguarded for industrial use. The application mentions a number of units south of the application site which are also vacant. As of today (24th June 2014) the 2 smaller units 5 & 6 to the south of the site are vacant, unit 4 has a Let Agreed sign, unit 3 is being refurbished but has an F&G Transport sign on it and unit 2 is occupied by F&G Transport. That leaves the one remaining unit. The requirement for industrial space has shown a marked increase over the past few months and with the likelihood of a new occupier on a large site close by we envisage demand for industrial space will increase further.
2. Diversion of trade from Bognor Regis town centre. A large retail use such as this would have a significant impact upon both investment in the town centre and the vitality and viability of the town centre. This would adversely impact on the town regeneration and the sites that are being brought forward.

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