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Ref: Blossom View, Cherry Tree Nursery

To whom it may concern,

I write with regards our occupation of Cherry Tree Nursery Caravan site, accommodating our seasonal workforce. Pro-Force is a labour provider to the agricultural, horticultural and fresh produce industries. We provide seasonal labour to some of the largest farmers and growers all over the UK.

We have a number of accommodation sites over the South Coast providing staff for clients including:

- o APS Produce
- o RV Emeries
- o Vitacress
- o Newey Horticultural
- o Barfoots of Botley

One of our largest sites, South Downs Worker Village, where we accommodated over 400 staff, was sold by the owner to local developers. This resulted in us being unable to accommodate the required number of staff. Most of which are key workers, performing skilled, essential roles for our client base. We therefore desperately required somewhere to accommodate them.

Last year, had it not been for Nyton Rest, we would have had a number of key staff who would have had to return home and not been able to work. Our staff are performing key roles in supporting British farming, and ensuring we are able to provide them with affordable and safe accommodation is crucial.

We have an increasing need for more sites, to accommodate the growing demand within farming and agriculture, for seasonal staff. We approached Mr Cole as he had provided the site at Nyton Rest, Aldingbourne.

Mr Cole advised us that he had recently acquired a parcel of land at Cherry Tree Nursery and we considered the site's historic use for horticulture to be ideally suited to our need for a two year temporary permission for 14 agricultural workers caravans. We do not anticipate every caravan to be used year round but require the flexibility for them to always be available. In addition, there is no clear season for many workers, so it is not feasible to remove the caravans each Winter. Workers are collected each morning and returned each evening in one of our company minibuses. Few workers have cars.

We are hopeful we can continue with this partnership for many years to come, as it's crucial for our ongoing labour supply to our client base in the area.

Kind regards,

Jessica Rodwell

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Accommodation Manager (South)