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Re: Hemisphere Freight Services Occupation - Unit 5 Port One Logistics Park Great Blakenham

Dear Sir,

We are writing to yourself directly as we believe you are the Case Officer for this outstanding planning application which is due to be considered by committee members on the 17/01/2024. We have so far dealt directly with the Directors of the Curzon De Vere Group (Developers) who have kept us informed of the planning process together with the numerous delays.

As a Group, we have legally contracted and committed to purchase and operate from the proposed Unit 5 Port One Logistics Park which is only conditional on receipt of a full planning approval. We have already agreed a Deed of Variation and the original contract to accommodate planning delays which hopefully, are now all resolved.

We are all now waiting for the resolution of the existing application on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 which will presumably be presented to the members by yourself on the day. Hemisphere as a group have committed to over £50 million to enable this project to move ahead and we are hopeful that we can take possession late March 2024 generating millions of pounds per annum into the local economy. If for whatever reason the resolution is not forthcoming this month, we will have no alternative but to relocate this operation into a North-West facility of the UK where our plan B contingency will come into place together with other activities relocating to mainland Europe as we need to be operational to service our existing substantial order book.



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As a major independent logistics provider operating for over 35 Years and headquartered locally, we have tended to focus our growth and expansion around Suffolk and the port of Felixstowe and certainly our intention would be to continue to do so however as mentioned above given our timelines and the delays already incurred we are reaching the point where we will have to execute our contingency plans and relocate our activities up North and further afield. By example of our local growth and expansion you may well be aware we have recently acquired the Magnus Groups operations in Great Blakenham together with the full allocation of their redundant staff across their warehousing and Freight forwarding divisions and this move is centred around being able to relocate the goods and staff into the development at Unit 5 when the short term leases agreed at their existing sites expire.

We applaud the commitment of this developer to create something special for this county and we are 100% behind the green credentials set out in the developer's 2022 vision. We are also delighted at the new night shunt of electric vehicles from Felixstowe Dock to Port One which can be powered from green renewable energy. This foresight will enable the site to become a world leader in the renewable supply chain with the total green facility.

We wanted to write to you directly to try to provide some understanding of our current issues should there be any delay and kindly ask that yourself and all members are fully aware that 100's of jobs aligned to this application will be lost if this scheme is delayed any further and whilst we would appreciate this information is kept confidential, we are happy for you to distribute to the committee members for their kind consideration and to form part of their decision-making process on this application.

If we can offer any personal assistance to this matter then please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards,

Craig Perrin  
Director