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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application – Harbour Road, Rye, ref: RR/2019/2850/P

I am writing to you in reference to the above planning application, which has been submitted by John Jempson & Son Ltd and seeks consent for new industrial units that will allow Jempson's to consolidate their business on Harbour Road. I write within my capacity as the local County Councillor for this area.

As I'm sure you will be aware, Jempson's currently operate from the application site, as well as sites at Winchelsea Road and Slade Yard. These latter two sites have recently been allocated for residential development in the Rye Neighbourhood Plan and hence, there is a clear community aspiration to see these sites come forward for much needed housing in the town. However, this can only happen in a sustainable way if Jempson's are able to remain in the town, which approval of this application will allow. Jempson's is a significant local employer (over 100 employees) and allowing their proposal in an area identified for employment land in the Local Plan will ensure that not only these jobs are retained, but that employment opportunities will be created through the additional industrial units being provided and through the redevelopment of the existing allocated premises.

In light of the above, I wish to fully support this planning application as the economic benefits associated with it are not only significant to Rye, but also the wider area.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. Glazier", written in a cursive style.

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