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Dear Mr Berry

PLANNING APPLICATION 14/01228/FUL
WILSONS AUTOMOBILES LTD, 101B EAST STREET, EPSOM
NEW CAR SHOWROOM

This application seems to be identical, with minor adjustments, to withdrawn application 14/00237/FUL. Our comments are therefore the same as those contained in my letter of 17 June, a copy of which is attached.

In effect our view is that the use, even though established, is unsatisfactory for this site and the proposed building would be detrimental to the street scene for the reasons previously stated. We can understand the applicant's statement that the present site is tired and no advertisement for the company. We do not, however, accept that the intended two storey building is justified by the lack of viability of anything smaller, which merely demonstrates that this is an unsuitable use for the land.

We remain of the opinion that this application should be refused. In terms of positive planning the best use for this site, as we said in another context, would be in conjunction with the proposed development of the adjoining Acer House, although this is clearly not a valid reason for refusal.

Yours sincerely

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Vice Chairman

cc Ward Councillors