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Mr Mark Berry BA(Hons) MRTPI DMS Head of Place Development Town Hall EPSOM KT18 5BY

Dear Mr Berry

PLANNING APPLICATION 16/00361/REM WILSONS AUTOMOBILES LTD, 101B EAST STREET, EPSOM VARIATION OF CONDITION

On 12 April planning permission was granted for the demolition of the existing car showroom on the corner of East Street and Kiln Lane and the erection of a new showroom containing space for exhibiting cars on two floors (15/01663/FUL). Condition 10 of this permission stated that all display vehicles shall be displayed within the showroom and the forecourt shall not be used for the display of vehicles or for any storage purpose in association with use of the showroom. The present application seeks the amendment of this condition in order to remove the restriction on vehicle display on the forecourt

We welcomed the arrangement as proposed in condition 10. Displays of vehicles on this prominent corner site had for many years been an unacceptable encroachment on the street scene. The applicant has extensive showroom facilities elsewhere and will have window displays on two floors in the new building.

We think open air displays and sales on this corner are most undesirable and offensive to the visual amenities of the area. We are therefore strongly opposed to the amendment of this condition.

Yours sincerely

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cc Ward Councillors