

To whom it may concern.

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Woodridge Developments Ltd have observed that the Quad has been vacant for a considerable time, and realised it had residential potential. They secured an option on the property in early 2018 and had confirmation of Permitted Development rights in June. After protracted negotiations, they have now completed the purchase of the property.

In the meantime, immediate neighbour Sapphire Balconies Ltd (a sister company of Woodridge within the ATW group) have expressed an interest in using the property for office space. They are currently over 50 office staff, and as they are continuing to expand and feel they will outgrow their current premises within 2 years. They feel to move next door to their existing premises would minimise any disruption.

To make this viable, Woodridge feel they would need to find a tenant for the building for a maximum term of 2 years. The likelihood of commercial tenants is very unlikely, as the property has been advertised in this way for 11 years to their knowledge. They have, however, become aware of a small local private school requiring temporary accommodation as development of their replacement permanent school building has been delayed.

Woodridge has made enquiry of 6 of the 12 other occupiers of the road and found unanimous support for the idea of providing this benefit to the local community. These business owners feel that the property remaining empty is not a good sign and are concerned about the effect on the road of a residential development at this stage.

Woodridge would therefore like to confirm their support for the application to use two or more units of The Quad as a temporary school building for a around 80 students.

Regards

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