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Dear Sirs,

My family and I have already made a substantial financial and personal contribution to this project. We continue to invest our finances and time on preparing the land and gathering knowledge from experts and businesses from within the small holding sector. This is to ensure that our small holding is viable and at the same time keeping the land as natural as possible in order to encourage and nurture wildlife.

I have given our architect more information on some of the main items of equipment we will need for this enterprise in order to demonstrate justification of the size of the building we are applying for.

This equipment will be capable of dealing with the fruit we plan to produce. By planting 300+ fruit trees, our figures indicate that we can expect a yield of 20 tonnes+ of fruit, the equivalent to 1200Ltrs+ of juice.

We are in contact with The Guernsey Bee Keeping Association and The Pollinator Project who will advise on how best to pollinate the fruit trees and to help with the biodiversity that will result from this initiative.

As we have previously informed you, the Girrard's are advising us with regards to the rearing and keeping of a small Guernsey Golden Goat herd. Approximately 6 goats would produce small amounts of milk and cheese. Looking forward to the future our U.S.P. would be to produce a new ice cream range using the goats milk.

We need permission for a building that is fit for purpose before we can commit to ordering the fruit trees and equipment needed for this project. This would require another substantial investment and, as you can see from the information supplied, a greenhouse environment would not be suitable for the operation and storing of this equipment.

Our research tells us that there is a growing demand for this type of produce, as many people worldwide are turning to healthier options such as goats milk, cheese and pure juices.

If this project did not go ahead, this substantial piece of land would become just another sterile field that would be mowed to keep it tidy. We believe that So many of the insects, plants and animals could benefit from this project.

We hope you will re-consider your decision so we can re-generate this parcel of land into a productive small holding, which we believe is fit for this new venture moving forward.

Yours faithfully,

Lee Van Katwyk (Mr)