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To whom it may concern

I Neil May (Applicant for the proposed change of use) would like to apologise for not being able to attend this committee decision as my partner is due for a planned c section on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

In addition to my previous comments in the application I would like briefly to emphasize the high levels of security and measures I personally conduct to go above the required standards set out by Kent Police. I already hold a current registered firearm dealers certificate allowing me to handle and trade firearms within any pre approved location. The A1 use requested would simply allow me to sell the firearms from within this secure location alongside my service and repairs. We have no plans and licencing would prevent any test firing of weapons on site.

I fully understand some peoples concerns regarding firearms, and have since tried to reach out to the locals offering to meet, show and explain but have had no response. The close proximity to the public house need not be any different to any number of ready established live firing ranges or shops with licenced premises next to or on site.

I've lived in the Dunkirk area for over 10 years and already have a high customer presents currently serving many local farming business and local shooting ranges that would benefit from the better access at this location. We are a small family business mainly offering service and repair, we do not just sell firearms but accessories and a range of country related items that we feel fit in with the current established business.

I kindly request this application be approved,

**Kind Regards** 

**Neil May** 

Owner of Kent Gunsmiths Limited