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Dear Sirs

Application for permission for Temporary and Flexible change of use from A1 retail to D2 Assembly and Leisure and A1 Retail for the operation of a Family Entertainment Centre (FEC) at Unit 45 The Galleria, Comet Way, Hatfield, AL10 0XR

I am writing with regard to the above application with further information in support of our application for the above permission.

Hours of Opening

The hours of opening specified in the form are the minimum opening hours which the landlord requires under the terms of our proposed lease of the premises. It is expected that the opening hours will be extended, particularly in school holidays. They will be limited by the opening of the Centre which has extended opening hours for other leisure activities such as the cinema.

Pre Application Advice

I have included in our supporting documents the reply from WH Environmental Health Department confirming that they do not require a Noise Assessment to be carried out. This was a recommendation in our pre application advice.

I have also included letters sent to Hatfield Town Council and neighbouring units in the Galleria concerning the proposed change of use. This too was a suggestion in our pre application advice. During our meeting with June Pagdin of the Planning Dept. we discussed the shutters on the Site. I have included photographs of the shutter which is currently on the front of the unit. We do not intend to change the shutter.

Permit for unlicensed FEC

It is intended to include some cranes and/or pushers in the machines in the FEC. These are suitable under the Gambling Act 2005 for those under 18 years of age and do not require a Gambling Commission licence. It is not intended to operate any other gambling machines. We have been granted the necessary local authority permit to operate these machines in an unlicensed FEC. The confirmation of this is included in the supporting documents.

FEC Layout

I have included in the supporting documents the layout drawings showing the machines and look of the FEC.

Please contact me should you require any further information.

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✓ Louise Howe
Legal Counsel