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Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT - Planning Application ref 26/0350 - Sluice Farm, Peterstone CF3 2TN

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Business Mechanic - Tony Baldwin

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a mechanic with many years of experience in the trade, and I have known Stephen Eddins for over 45 years. Over that time, we built a strong friendship based on trust, honesty and mutual respect. I regularly helped Steve on the farm, carrying out mechanical work and maintaining the vehicles. Sadly, Steve passed away in March 2026. His passing was an extremely difficult time for his family, particularly his son, George, who found himself having to take on significant responsibilities on the farm during an incredibly challenging period.

I cannot praise George highly enough for the way he has handled the situation, he is hardworking, committed, honest and reliable. Despite the loss of his father and the difficulties facing the family, George showed tremendous determination to keep the family livelihood going.

He made the decision to purchase a lorry and a skip and began building what has become SGM Waste. From the very beginning, I have supported George with the mechanical side of the business, and I have continued to do so. In many ways, I now have the same relationship with George that I had with his father, built on trust, respect and a shared commitment to doing things properly.

I fully support this planning application. SGM Waste is already providing employment for local people, enabling them to support themselves and their families. The wages earned are also being spent within the local village and surrounding community, helping to support other local businesses and keeping money within the local economy.

The proposed development would provide an opportunity for SGM Waste to create additional employment and offer people who may otherwise struggle to find work the opportunity to earn a living, develop valuable skills and have a sense of purpose and structure in their working lives.

I have also been a customer of SGM Waste myself and have used their skip hire services on several occasions. Speaking from first-hand experience, the service they provide is outstanding, they are reliable, trustworthy, professional and affordable, but, most importantly, they genuinely care about their customers and the service they provide.

They also take their environmental responsibilities seriously and care about how waste is handled and disposed of. This provides customers and the wider community with reassurance that waste is being dealt with responsibly and correctly.

From my experience of visiting and working at the site, I also believe the yard is practical and user-friendly for both the workforce and office staff, providing a suitable environment from which the business can continue to operate and grow.

George should be extremely proud of what he has achieved, particularly given the circumstances in which he started and the personal challenges he has faced. He has worked incredibly hard to build SGM Waste into a successful local business while creating employment and providing an important service to the community.

I therefore fully support this planning application and sincerely hope that it is approved, allowing SGM Waste to continue to grow, create further employment and contribute positively to the local community for many years to come.

Yours faithfully

Tony Baldwin

Mechanic