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Dear Mr Forbes

Planning application for 9 Merkland Road and corner of Pittodrie Lane/Pittodrie Street (Planning reference: P160845)

I would like to intimate my full support for this application to provide a quality development on a brown-field site within easy access of the universities and within walking distance of the city centre.

The re-use of this industrial site will enable a renowned local business, A & J Robertson (Granite) Limited, to relocate and will ensure its continued success in the years to come.

Relocating the Company will create an improved environment locally with fewer lorry movements and eliminate the amenity issues that result from having an active industrial site in this part of the city.

The scale and design of the proposed student accommodation are complementary to the neighbourhood and the quality of the architecture and finish will undoubtedly enhance the area and improve the amenity.

Students contribute greatly towards the city of Aberdeen and the North East area provides a welcoming environment for overseas and visiting students. The quality of the Watkin Jones development will help to ensure that the city continues to offer the very best in student accommodation of exceptional quality as is required in this highly competitive sector and which is vital to the city's future well-being.

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I would urge Aberdeen City Council to approve this planning application to deliver a sustainable development that fits its location and provides an investment in the city from a leading developer who is keen to invest further and also which enables a local business to relocate ensuring a sustainable future for its employees.

Director