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Dear Sir

**Watkin Jones Planning Application for 9 Merkland Road East
and corner of Pittodrie Lane/Pittodrie Street
Planning Reference: P160845**

We write in support of the above application for a student accommodation development at Merkland Road East and Pittodrie Street, Aberdeen.

As an existing business located in the area where the development is proposed, we have been very conscious of the change in the area from previously a mixed light industrial and residential use to predominantly residential use and the problems which that change has brought to our business and also the effect on our residential neighbours. The current dominance of residential gives us, as a business, difficulty in operating as we would wish and our neighbours must in turn resent the traffic movements and the sounds resulting from the normal functioning of our business.

The whole area will benefit from our business moving from it. Moreover, this business will find it easier to engage in its operations without fear of disturbing neighbours. This at a crucial time in the life of the business.

One of the main reasons we accepted an offer to sell our current premises to Watkin Jones was a belief in Watkin Jones as a company with an excellent reputation. We are confident that their provision of student accommodation will be of an extremely high quality and we see from the plans that the design is sympathetic to the surroundings.

The proceeds of the sale of our premises to Watkin Jones provide a unique opportunity for us to build a new purpose designed factory and office, still in the Aberdeen area, with new machinery and equipment. We will be able to make a significant investment and retain a historically important traditional industry, which has all but disappeared otherwise. Without the sale to Watkin Jones, we could not afford this level of investment into the granite industry and thus guarantee more than 40 jobs directly connected to our granite works.

We commend the application to you.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of **A & J Robertson (Granite) Ltd**

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