Dear Planning Department

I am currently the owner and manager of Space Cadets which is a private provider located on the grounds of Squirrel Hayes first school in Biddulph.

I took over Space Cadets in September 2015, this business was closing due to previous owners did not have the time or enough children on roll to continue, at the time I was working from home as a registered childminder with the successful business running.

Space cadets is a before and after school club and holiday club.

In 2017 the school where we are located offered me the opportunity to expand and make space cadets a facility to offer local families and our community a preschool nursery, this was to benefit the school in offering additional care and a chance for space cadets to expand as many families were approaching me for care for their children.

In July 2017 I finished childminding and decided to open space cadets as a preschool in September 2017. The expansion has been very, very successful. We are helping families from our local community to gain childcare either private paying or funded children.

In our area on Monday 14th may 2018 we had a local nursery that closed down and gave parents 24 hour's notice on that week I have took many phone calls in helping these families by offering them the childcare they need. Space cadets preschool offers care from 20 months to school age but we continue the care by offering the before and after school club an the mini bus facility that covers all the area and the supporting schools in the community by offering a school drop off and pick up service.

Over the past few months we are having weekly phone calls off families wanting to join our setting, unfortunately I cannot offer care to these families as the children are too young to attend my current setting at the school where we are located.

I am looking to expand and have been looking for a building since December 2017.

This opportunity has arisen of a lease hold of late night pharmacy located on Well Street in Biddulph.

This building will be empty due to the pharmacy is re locating to a bigger location, the current owners want to offer me the building as they don't want the building to be left empty and the maintenance of the grounds to be left and overgrown.

If I gain access to the building I will be maintaining the up keep of inside and outside of the building so ensuring it's clean and tidy and all land is looked after and I will be arranging a local gardener to keep onto of the grass growth.

I have helped many families back in 2015 by stopping space cadets from closing down, and my business is now in a need to expand with supporting families looking at me for care and to offer them my facility.

The plan would be to offer care at this requested building to offer care from birth to 20 months old and at that age the children will transfer up to my other setting where they can be prepared for school ready the following year later.

I have spoken to the business rates team and I have also seeked advice on the trade waste disposal for this building.

I have worked so hard over these past 7 years to get to where I am now in my goal in offering parents a loving safe friendly fun environment for their child to learn and grow in, I have so many local people in the community looking at me for help and to be given this chance for my business to grow and gaining access to the building would be beneficial for space cadets and also for our community.

The owners have also looked into me and have been informed I would be a great candidate for the property.

I would like to thank you for your time in reading this letter of support and hope you can help me in this application.