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Thank you for seeking my observations on this application to expand this important element of the Boroughbridge economy. My comments are as follows:

- The proposal will allow the creation of 85 jobs additional to the existing 256. On top
 of this is the creation of an unquantifiable number of driving jobs. This represents a
 multi million pound annual payroll, which is a significant plank in supporting indirect
 jobs and businesses in the local economy.
- Operating at this scale brings significant environmental benefits because the movement and logistics of goods and vehicles can be meticulously planned and programmed to ensure every delivery mile is used to most effect. This aspect of the business has created a knock-on investment in I.T. systems and research.
- 3. The market is forcing "just in time" demands on to the industry, and this system of operation is now pre-ordained. If this development did not happen at this site it would have to happen somewhere else nearby. Given the unique road access onto the motorway that this site has, it presents an opportunity to allow this to happen without serious disruption to the local community. This is particularly important if it is recalled that the site operates on a 24 hour / 3 shift basis.
- 4. A side benefit of this form of operation is that it helps provide a wider scope of employment for our local community providing job opportunities for those seeking jobs at the "blue collar" level where jobs have been in short supply in the past.
- Single site consolidation also ensures all stock levels can be reduced and there is no duplication of stock. This, in turn, reduces the potential for waste and so reduces the cost burden to the customer.

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This recent application reinforces my original conclusion that we must accept the need to allow this business to expand. It plays an important part in the Boroughbridge economy and it's further expansion will not only safeguard the long term prospects of the existing employees but, as has been indicated by the applicant, will make a valuable contribution to the immediate job prospects for a wide range of local people.

Thank you for seeking my views on this proposal, if I can assist further please do telephone me.

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