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**From:** Martin Harris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 March 2021 14:50  
**To:** DC Support  
**Cc:** Anthony Summerfield  
**Subject:** Kirtlington Post Office Store Planning Application 2100369/F

Dear Sirs

I write to support an application by the present owners and occupiers of the above in their efforts to obtain a change of use to full residential occupancy.

Despite sustained efforts to make the business use of this asset economically viable also involving the general community at large it has not been possible for the business to survive. This has been compounded by the recent opening of the Co-operative store in nearby Bletchingdon which appears to enjoy every success helped no doubt by its ability to obtain access to a large buying organization and all that,that provides.

In addition a new store at UpperHeyford(Sainsbury Local) will provide similar significant competition all of which act against the continuation of this traditional village store with none of the advantages of these big players. The writing has been on the wall for many years now and other similar ventures in this village have failed despite great efforts having been made. Insufficient demand and greater competition sadly sees the inevitable decline of what cannot be a social service.

The property does not lend itself to be adapted in any way to compete with the increased local competition .

As a local resident I support this application as the means of making use of a building which might otherwise fall into serious disrepair without this alternative use.

Kind regards

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Sent from my iPhone