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To: DC Support
Subject: Kirtlington Post Office: Planning application Reference 21/00369/F

I am writing to support the Application for Change of Use for the above property.

My wife and I moved to Kirtlington in November 2017. Although new members of the community, we immediately supported the shop and used it regularly. We appreciated the efforts made to consult with the community about what provision to make. However, the business challenges increased and the opening of the Coop store in Bletchingdon in September 2019 had such a severe impact on the business that the decision was made to close. This came about in late February 2020.

It is clear to me that the underlying structural challenges to sustaining the business all came to the fore before the Covid 19 restrictions, and I do not think that it would be possible to revive post pandemic the shop and Post Office in its earlier form.

The premises could be adapted very suitably to become a residential property.

I do hope that Cherwell District Council will give favourable consideration to this application.

Yours sincerely,

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