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Dear Sir / Madam,

FULL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE SITING OF 1NO. REFRIGERATED STORAGE CONTAINER BETWEEN 01 NOVEMBER TO 31 JANUARY ANNUALLY - Marks & Spencer Simply Food, 726-732 Wilmslow Rd, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 6WF

Marks and Spencer Plc is applying to Manchester City Council for planning permission to install one 10ft ft temporary storage container between 1st November to 31st January each year, in order to provide additional storage support to the store over the Christmas period.

Accordingly, the following documentation was submitted via the Planning Portal (PP- 02969740):

- Planning application forms, including relevant ownership certificates;
- Manufacturers Specification; and
- Proposed Site Plan (including Site Location Plan).

A cheque for £195.00 is enclosed to cover the planning application fee.

Proposal

This application seeks annual permission for the installation of 1no. refrigerated storage container to be located within the rear service yard of the Marks and Spencer store over the Christmas trading period.

The 10ft storage container measures approximately 3024mm (l) x 2438mm (w) x 2591mm (h) and will be finished in white. The container will provide an additional 7.26 square metres of temporary storage space. The container shall be used for the storage of cold-food goods and therefore shall be refrigerated. As recognised within the Manufactures Specification, the average noise emitted from the unit shall be 45db when measured from 10m to the front and side of the unit.

The container will be located on an area of existing hard standing within the rear service yard. It has purposefully been located adjacent to numerous plant and service facilities so that it does not appear out of context. The container cannot be viewed from any public vantage points and will cause no alterations to store deliveries. As such, it is contended that the development proposal is entirely

acceptable when viewed in context.

The storage container will be sited to the rear of the store and will cause no obstruction to the store at any time. Access to and from the site will not alter as a result of the proposal. There will be no alteration to the existing arrangements for delivery and service vehicles.

The container will be manufactured from steel and finished in white. By virtue of its scale and the temporary nature of the structure (maximum of 3 months of the year) it is considered that the impact will be minimal on the existing store and its surroundings.

The container is required to increase the storage capacity at our store over the Christmas peak trading period. During this time, Marks and Spencer experience very high levels of demand for goods and therefore turn over a higher level of stock than at other times of the year. The additional storage space reduces the risk of the store running out of stock and consequently improves consumer satisfaction.

As Marks and Spencer is a key retailer in the locality, the proposed temporary facility is required operationally to meet our customer expectations and in turn contribute to enhancing the vitality and viability of the area.

We trust that you have sufficient information to progress the application, but if you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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