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Dear Sir or Madam,

I run a large and long-standing wholesale bulb and nursery business in Lincolnshire, and sell my products nationally and overseas. I have been buying narcissi bulbs in significant quantities (20-30 tonnes annually) from J R Stideford and Son on the Isles of Scilly for over 25 years, and in that time, we have steadily expanded the quantities that we take, and grown the market for the sales of the bulbs of these popular, bright, scented and special flowers.

I know that J R Stideford has invested heavily in increasing the production quantities and quality of the bulbs that they export, and particular recent investments have included a new size grading machine as well as a bulk hopper and conveyor.

I am also aware that the business conducts much of its cleaning and grading of the bulbs outside. When we have a prolonged wet spell, which are becoming more frequent, this can cause significant delays in the supplying of the bulbs, as it is essential that these bulbs are supplied dried and not damp. Within the industry, bulbs can be rejected at the point of sale if they are not supplied in a fully dried condition – therefore bulbs sometimes have to be re-dried if they have got damp which is not good use of energy or a sustainable or financially sensible approach.

I am always conscious of buying my products from farmers who are farming with the environment at the heart of their business. This is very much the case with J R Stideford and Son (as demonstrated by their LEAF marque and GLOBAL GAP accreditation).

Bearing all of the above in mind, I would fully support and endorse any planning application made by J R Stideford that allows for bulb processing and storage in a dry and contained shed.

Yours faithfully,

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