

Planning Department
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REF: PL/2024/05527 - Land South of Westwells Road, Westwells Road, Neston, SN13 9GB

I am writing to express my strong support for the planning application submitted by Ark Datacentres for the expansion of their data centre campus, Spring Park, near Corsham. As a supplier to Ark, we believe this project will bring significant benefits to the local community.

We have worked with Ark for over 10 years providing IT and Network managed services supporting their data centre facilities. Due to the demand and development of the Spring Park campus has led to a significant increase in our workforce many of whom have come from the local and surrounding areas.

The proposed expansion will:

1. **Create Local Employment Opportunities:** As a supplier to Ark, we are committed to employing local people to work at this site. This will not only provide jobs but also foster a sense of community and support local businesses.
2. **Boost Local Economy:** The construction and operation of the expanded data centre will create numerous job opportunities for local residents, ranging from construction workers to IT professionals. This will stimulate economic growth and provide a stable source of employment.
3. **Enhance Technological Infrastructure:** In today's digital age, expanding the state-of-the-art data centre in our area will further enhance our technological infrastructure, making our community more attractive to businesses and investors.
4. **Promote Sustainability:** Ark Datacentres has committed to implementing sustainable practices in the construction and operation of the expanded data centre, including the use of renewable energy sources and energy-efficient technologies. This aligns with our community's goals of reducing our carbon footprint and promoting environmental sustainability.
5. **Support Local Services:** The presence of an expanded data centre will support local services such as healthcare, education, and emergency services by providing reliable and secure data storage and processing capabilities. This will enhance the overall quality of life for residents.
6. **Address National and Global Data Centre Capacity Requirement:** The demand for data centre capacity is rapidly increasing due to the rise of digital services and technologies, including artificial intelligence and cloud computing. Expanding the data centre campus will help meet this growing demand and ensure that the site and local area continues to be at the forefront of technological advancements.

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In conclusion, I believe that the proposed expansion of the data centre campus will be a valuable asset to the local community, providing economic, technological, and environmental benefits. I strongly urge the planning department to approve this application.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Stone