

Letter Of Support - ARK Data Centres P6 application.

By email to: developmentmanagement@wiltshire.gov.uk

Date: 12th June 2025

Dear Sir or Madam

We write in support of the P6 application for Ark Data Centres, Corsham. We are an old and well-established facilities company with over 27000 employees across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We have been working on site with ARK since July 2021, providing both Technical & General Cleaning services.

We currently employ 12 fulltime and 1 part time staff, 6 living within a one-mile radius of Ark Spring Park, and the remainder within a six-mile radius. For those living in Corsham, it's very important having ARK employment close to home. Most do not drive; they walk to work. Local employment is important both for the family unit and financially. We always do our best to recruit locally, and our recruitment policy is one of fairness, always using our probation period to give those that we employ the best possible start with comprehensive training, support and respect. Our staff retention at Ark Spring Park is excellent.

Bidvest Noonan has chosen employability as our key social cause, working with marginalised groups and disabilities. We are proud to say that at Ark Spring Park, we have a few employees that fit into those groups. Recruited, trained, guided and supported, they have proven to be valued members of staff.

Our charity partners are, "Unseen UK", supporting the prevention of modern slavery and human trafficking, and "Enable Ireland", which provides services to children and adults with disabilities. We support and work closely with Employment4all (CIC) who are dedicated to challenging equality and breaking down barriers to social mobility. All contracts are encouraged to consider social value, and to support social causes and charities that they feel passionate about.

We are embedding sustainability into every facet of our business, working with clients like Ark to maximise our environmental performance. Working hard with supply chain partners to reduce our impact on the environment, removing single use plastics and minimising the waste that we generate through innovation and embracing change. We use Eco Chemicals at Spring Park, and it is our intention with the help of our industry innovation, to substantially reduce chemical usage to around 5% by the end of 2025.

We have one delivery per month to Spring Park from a single source supplier located in Bristol. But they do not just deliver to spring park, other drops are made on-route ensuring the best utilisation and reducing the impact on the environment. Our aim is to reduce this delivery cycle even further, with one delivery to Spring Park every two months.

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Ark has always been an excellent client. Respectful in every aspect of its business and with ethics that are aligned with our own. This has made doing business with ARK key to our excellent working partnership, and one which we hope will continue for many years to come. We very much support P6 and look forward to the opportunities that it will bring for our company and job security for our staff. It will also require the recruitment of additional staff, providing local job opportunities and a secure future for all.

Yours Respectfully

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