

APPENDIX 2

Subject: Re request for 'rent free' period

Dear Pamela,

Further to our discussions I would like to formally request that the Belfast City Council, our landlord, consider offering our business a rent-free period. This would be a one-off gesture of good will to help a small business in Belfast to continue trading as it has done for over 5 years at St George's market.

Our business is under considerable pressure at present, due to many issues, but the most prevalent being the unresolved issue of 'Category M' payment, which means we have not received all monies owed to us by the Department of Health; this issue of compensation currently resides with the High Court.

In addition, we are under a great deal of pressure from the Ulster Bank who are not supporting us during this tough economic period, but instead imposing tough financial restrictions and penalties on our business. All of this information we have taken to our local MP Alasdair McDonnell who has offered his support to help wherever possible.

Belfast City Council does an outstanding job of promoting their support for local small businesses; we are offering them the opportunity to support ours in this extremely difficult financial climate.

Regards

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