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Dear Maureen

For some weeks we have had staying with us here in Patti's B&B a key subcontractor to Palmer Johnson, working in Unit 1 at Hythe Marine Park. As a consequence I was invited to see round the Palmer Johnson facility yesterday. I spoke to the security guards on the main gate, as well as personnel at PJ.

I was most impressed with the Park and all that is going on there thanks to the SEEDA initiative. What a splendid development to have this slumbering giant revive Hythe's once-familiar role in top quality marine engineering and innovation: home of the fast patrol boats, hovercraft and so on.

Sadly I heard about rumbling objections from nearby residents and others to the continuing presence of these businesses, on grounds of lights at night, noise, and general manufacturing activity. One person I met pointed out that if one moves into a flat next door to a manufacturing plant one ought to expect manufacturing to continue there. Objections to work there are like objections made by people who move into rural villages and then complain about cricket matches on the green or church bells on Sunday morning.

Hythe needs these highly skilled jobs and the pride that goes with them, especially in these worrying times. I do hope you and your colleagues as councillors, the various Councils who may be petitioned about planning decisions, and SEEDA will not be swayed by such pressures - will not allow the protestors to persuade planning authorities to redesignate this area for yet more housing, and will continue to support the development of world class manufacturing at this magnificent site.

Sincerely

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