The Village Pantry Tea Rooms Project

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Our Acc no; 7128563

15.08.15

Appeal for Discretionary Rate Relief, Rural Settlement Aylesford Kent.

Letter of Support from Our Church Minister

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to our recent letter of application for rural settlement relief, you asked us to complete a form for this, which we returned a short while ago. With this form we explained that we will be sending in some written support, and does in this context that we now write, attaching a letter of support from our local church Minister.

As already explained, The Village Hub is working hard with both the Village School, and the Church, and indeed with The Parish Council, in providing a place for residents to meet and socialise.

May we also add that we have now been approached by "The Post Office Limited" with a request that we consider housing The Village Post Office at The Village Pantry Project?

Please take this into account when making your decision that the viability of this project depends purely on the financial restraints levied upon it, the largest of which is the business rates bill. It is not unreasonable to suppose that if full relief is not given, the financial picture will be extremely bleak, and not only will the residents be at a disadvantage in respect of this project closing down, but the return of the Post Office will also be impossible.

Yours Sincerely

Mr & Mrs Wyatt

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Attached; Letter from Church Minister.