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To Whom it May Concern at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Application by The Village Pantry for Rural Rates Relief

I write in support of the application by Marion and Don Wyatt for Rural Rates Relief for their business. Theirs is the only teashop in the village and the only place for people to meet in the day time apart from pubs and an expensive restaurant. The teashop has struggled in the past, and the previous owners had to give it up for financial reasons. Without the tea shop, the village was empty and rather dead, and I have greatly admired the efforts of Mr and Mrs Wyatt to revive it. They have been very successful in this and deserve to benefit from any discretion that you have with Rural Rates Relief. I know several local people who would find it difficult to be able to go out socially if The Village Pantry were not here, so it fulfils a valuable social function as well as being a business.

I do hope that you will look sympathetically on their application to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Revd) Chris van Straaten