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To the Director:

I am writing to you in support of the application for the Stratford Extension Project (SSD 4966). Primarily I support this extension as I know that it will help ensure the continued viability of the coal mining and coal processing activities at the existing Stratford operation. I am an employee at the current Stratford CHPP, which is a part of Stratford Coal. I moved to Gloucester in June 2009 specifically to take up my position at the Stratford CHPP.

Since that time I have purchased my first home in the town of Gloucester in January 2012 and in doing so I, like many of my fellow employees who live locally, I have an economic interest in the local property market. I think that the mine extension will help sustain the overall value and liquidity in the local housing market by both ensuring that current jobs at the operation can be sustained and that a number of new jobs at the mine are created, of which most would hopefully be filled with persons living locally.

Additionally from what I have seen in the years since I moved to Gloucester, I believe that Stratford Coal is a responsible stakeholder in the Gloucester community and an important pillar in the local economy of Gloucester. Stratford Coal has a good record in the Gloucester community of contributing towards to community events and causes. Stratford Coal directly employs a number of people in our community, in addition to providing work for a number of other people employed by local businesses and suppliers. The approval of the Stratford Extension will help enable Stratford Coal to continue to be an important and valuable part of the Gloucester community for the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Delahunty