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This statement has been prepared by Mason Scaffolding and sets out the process involved in identifying a new site should our home at Churchfield Road be forced to close. The details are based on experience of searching for a new home before we found Churchfields Road and the time it took to move in.

Identifying a site

In the first instance we would need to commission Agents and find an alternative site with the relevant planning permission in an appropriate location. Masons have previously appointed Bowyer Bryce to acquire an alternative site. They searched for circa 1 year but did not find anything as sites with planning consent for industrial uses in good locations are scarce.

We ultimately took the search into our own hands and approached a number of people we have existing relationships with. We were fortunate that this approach aligned with Churchfields Road becoming available as we identified no other sites.

Overall this process took circa 9 months.

Lease Agreement / Purchase

We typically chose to lease sites as it requires significantly less capital upfront and aligns with our knowledge on the issues. This approach took circa 3 months for Churchfields Road including the necessary legal due diligence and was aligned with our expectations on how long it would take.

Vacant Possession

As with any moving to a new site we would need vacant possession given the bespoke nature of our operation. This approach took 2 weeks at Churchfields Road however the site was already vacant which was a significant benefit. We would usually assume 4 weeks for the landlord to provide a fully cleared and accessible site.

Dismantle

To dismantle the temporary scaffolding it would take an estimated 2 weeks. This is the same time period it took for moving to Churchfields Road and we would envisage a similar time period given the works likely to be needed.

Transfer of business operations

While retaining a minor presence on the Appeal Site for business continuity, it would take circa 1-2 months to transfer site cabins, stock, equipment, plant and vehicles to the new site and set up the new site for use.

Due to our client commitments, we cannot simply close for a period of time as this could result in on site delays or even safety issues. As such we would need to undertake a managed transfer to the new site staggering our stock transfer until we are fully up to speed. This approach enabled us to move to Churchfield Road with a minimal impact (albeit still noticeable) on business operations

During this process we would also advertise change to business address and updates to relevant statutory documentation.

Site Clearance

It is inevitable that some aspects at Churchfields Road would be left over or surplus to use and we would anticipate circa 1 week to finalise removals from the Appeal Site.



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Summary

Overall we would anticipate that it would take circa 15 months to move from Churchfields Road to a suitable alternative site if required. This would ensure that we found an equally suitable site which continues to provide the location, area and access we require to effectively run our business.

Grant Padle

