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Susie Brennan, Portfolio Manager City & Guilds 1 Giltspur Street LONDON EC1A 9DD

Dear Ms Brennan,

## Re City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Agriculture

As an employer in the Agriculture Industry, we feel that the above qualification meets business needs and would give a learner the relevant skills to gain employment. The qualifications develop and confirm specialist knowledge and skills which are relevant to the agricultural industry. They are suitable for a young person between the ages of 16 -19 studying fulltime and upon completion, will give the young person an advantage when applying for a job, apprenticeship or progressing into Higher Education. Therefore Loudham Estates (Suffolk) Ltd wholly support the Level 2 Certification.

We support the above qualification principally because of the inclusion of the following practical skills and knowledge outlined below. We feel that the qualification is suitable for someone aged from 16 years. We are anxious to support the Apprenticeship concept, which we see as having been unnecessarily downgraded against an unrealistic obsession with Universities.

The skills and knowledge that would give a young person an advantage when progressing to employment, to an apprenticeship, or undertaking further training are included within this qualification: Health and safety, working in the agricultural industry, estate skills such as fencing and boundary maintenance, agricultural machinery operation including tractor driving, plant and animal science, farm animal production and crop industry. We also support the mandatory requirement for students to undertake a period of work experience of 150 hours.

This qualification could potentially lead to the following job roles: general farm worker, tractor operator or agricultural machinery operator. I confirm my consent to our company name and logo being made publicly available on the City & Guilds websites.

Yours sincerely,

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