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Dear Mrs Wilson

I am writing to you today with serious concerns that field 622 could be lost to agriculture and the impact this will have on the area of land that surrounds the field.

The Houguez family have farmed at Goodlands, on the Route du Marais for many years. My grandfather Albert George started the farm and grew about 60 verges of Jersey Royal potatoes. He rented field 622 from the Parish of St Ouen. He often described the field as good growing land, early planting mid-February. With the land properly maintained, it produced a high volume crop of potatoes.

Since fields 623 and 702 are rented from members of the Le Maistre family, it makes for a serious situation which I have no control over, for both these fields in future could be used as in-fill areas. The loss of just one these fields would result in the closure of the farm.

Since 2001 I have been the last dairy farmer in St Ouen, with the farm also been the last mixed farm, because I grow Jersey Royals for export, and Main Crop potatoes for the local market.

As the Jersey Royals are dug, the fields are then cleared and prepared to grow crops for the winter to feed my cattle. I grow mangles, fodder beet, kale, maize and white carrots. I have no other option for this process, as I am restricted by the area of farmland in my possession.

The proposed sheltered housing in field 622 would see a broken field. The size of the sheltered housing would occupy half of the field, the east side. This would leave the

