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Councillor for Colinton, Oxfgangs & Fairmilehead

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Dear Lorraine,

Many thanks for your most recent update on the plans Colinton Village Enterprise (CVE) have to purchase the outbuilding in Spylaw Park from The City of Edinburgh Council (Community Asset transfer). I know this is a project that you have worked with the local community on for some time, so it is fantastic to see the progress you have made.

Although CVE has benefited from access to the building over many years, I feel that the Community Asset transfer is essential if its full potential is to be reached. CVE's plans to create a Community Heritage Hub is exactly what Colinton and the wider area needs. Indeed, I know you have invested a significant amount of time collecting and responding to feedback on these proposals from the community.

I feel the benefits of the project are as follows:

1. A local historic landmark building will be protected.
2. The Community Heritage Hub will serve Colinton community and its visitors with inclusive facilities for intergenerational social interaction, cultural exchange and creative activities in a tranquil setting.
3. It will act as a bridge between the Colinton Tunnel Project and Colinton Village's central commercial area. This is important as I see huge potential to draw tourists to Colinton along the Water of Leith so they can explore its rich history, and access the Pentland Hills.

In short, I think the phased plans you have outline are realistic and deliverable, and I am happy to support the project in the strongest possible terms.

Faithfully



Prof Scott Arthur