

Ravelston Park - Representation 011

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Subject: Blackhall Community Trust Asset Transfer

Dear Sirs,

I wish to note my support for the proposed re-development of the existing Blackhall Nursery within Ravelston Park.

I live in the community and have 3 children, the youngest of which is attending the Nursery. By the time the proposed development is achieved my children will be past the stage of directly benefitting but I feel strongly that this application should be supported.

We have lived in Blackhall for nearly 10 years and over that time have noted a lack of investment in both Nursery provision and the local library. Blackhall Nursery has been an excellent choice for us and our children have benefitted immensely from attending a local Nursery within their community. It is run by first class staff and is a popular choice in the area, the biggest issue is it's lack of capacity. It is constrained by operating in a building that is so old and not fit for purpose.

We are fortunate to have the Blackhall Community Trust and their vision for the potential that the site offers. The asset transfer, in my view, is modest and unlikely to have any adverse impact on the existing park. The Trust and Nursery (which has excellent eco credentials) have produced a design that is sympathetic to the surroundings and low impact.

I hope that this project will proceed and I think it would create a sense of pride within the community if achieved, particularly in contrast to the existing dated facilities. An enormous amount of work has gone into the project by dedicated volunteers and I believe this should be recognised.

Kind regards

Anna Watt

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Sent from my iPhone