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Subject: Response to asset transfer consultation for Ravelston Park Pavilion

To whom it concerns,

I would like to make it known that as a resident and member of the Blackhall community, I would like to favourably support the request by Blackhall Community Trust to take ownership of the land and building indicated by the redline boundary plan.

I strongly believe that the Blackhall community needs a good quality local nursery and appreciate the efforts of the Trust to make this a reality. The current building is increasingly unfit for purpose despite staff and management's best efforts and understand this process to be necessary to proceed with any improvement to the nursery's physical environment. The benefits of the current location are of significant importance to the nursery as it offers not only a connection to the community but direct access to the green space and natural woodland environment beside it. This outdoor learning environment offers a wealth of opportunity for gaining a knowledge and understanding of the world around the young learners but a respect and responsibility for it which will be instilled in this younger generation growing up in the community. The nursery is passionate about their Green Flag award and the children are part of the eco committee learning about the importance of caring for the world around them and if this spreads in to the community space around them that can only have a positive long-term effect.

I also believe that the Ravelston Pavilion building has untapped potential to be of benefit to the wider community and users of the park, not just local pre-school children and their families. A better designed building that continues to be sympathetic to its natural surroundings can be of benefit to the whole community.

For these reasons, I support the transfer of ownership of this land and building to the Blackhall Community Trust.

Best regards,

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