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Subject: SUPPORTIVE: Ravelston Park Community Asset Transfer

Dear Sirs,

As a resident of Blackhall community, I write to express my strong support for the purchase of the Ravelston Park pavilion and surrounding parkland by the Blackhall Community Trust, as detailed in your Notice of Asset Transfer Request of 28 March 2022.

The land subject to the asset transfer request represents only a small proportion of Ravelston Park which is not currently used for any specific purpose other than the existing Blackhall Nursery which will greatly benefit from this purchase and subsequent development. Consequently, it's transfer would not materially impact the amenity to the community provided by the park.

Blackhall has very limited provision for early learning childcare and pre-school age education. My own two children had to attend nurseries in the centre of town and, only after being on the waiting list for many years, was my second child able to obtain a space and attend Blackhall nursery in Ravelston Park.

The present nursery building has been used to maximum capacity for many years and is now in desperate need of expansion and upgrade. This transfer provides the opportunity to enhance this corner of the park to meet the increasing childcare needs of the community.

This request has been subject to formal community consultation and considerable debate. Objections have typically related to concerns about the setting of a precedent, or perceived failures of political leadership rather than objective consideration of the merits of this request.

As a result, I urge the council to recognise the advantages of this request and approve the transfer.

Yours faithfully,

Alexis R. McGregor