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To whom it may concern,

I am getting in touch in order to support Corstorphine Community Centre's Community Asset Transfer Request for Westfield House.

In may ways the Community Centre is at the heart of Corstorphine. It offers services for a huge variety of groups including senior citizens, young people and refugees.

Much of the work they do is a crucial part of community planning for West Edinburgh as a whole. For example, isolation and loneliness have been identified as a local priority and many of the activities that the Centre runs are crucial in tackling that problem.

The team running the Centre have shown huge resilience since the tragic incident which saw the original building burned down. Moving into Westfield House at short notice posed significant challenges but the team have pulled off the transition smoothly.

Despite the temporary lease only being in place we are already seeing huge potential at the site, with groups such as the Men's shed already resuming. There has also been significant interest from local groups and businesses to use the facility.

I would urge you to support the bid for a Community Asset Transfer.

Yours sincerely

Christine A Jardine MP for Edinburgh West