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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 February 2024 12:56  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PLUS application to purchase building

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I hope this email finds you well. I am writing in regard to the submission PLUS Stirling has made to purchase the building currently under your remit. I would like to let you know why, as a parent, I strongly support this application.

My daughter, [REDACTED], has just [REDACTED] and has been accessing services through PLUS for many years. She currently attends their after school club for her age group on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Going to PLUS is the highlight of her week and, aside from school, is the only opportunity to socialise and make friends. She has learned skills, receives unconditional support and has so much fun. I make a 48 mile round trip just to take her there. As a single mum with no family support, PLUS has been a welcoming and supportive place.

We faced discrimination from a traditional childcare provider after the pandemic based on her being "huggy" and "too affectionate" (their words), making her an "infection risk". It was simply because they did not have enough staff. PLUS, on the other hand, have a large, dedicated and plentiful pool of cheerful, skilful staff who genuinely love my daughter to bits.

While the building they are currently in is a happy environment, I have always felt, even prior to the risk of them vacating, that they could do with a more substantial building to cater for their needs.

They are an amazing organisation and I am certain you would not find a single person in the whole of its' history to say a word against it.

Please consider the importance of this service to my child and all the others who would find it impossible to access friendship and fun in places the rest of us take for granted.

My "affectionate" girl would, if she understood what was at stake, be hugging you right now and asking to keep her friends.

The importance of the service to the entire community cannot be overstated.

Sending our best regards and hope for a successful happy decision,

[REDACTED]

