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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Plus Forth Valley

Hello [REDACTED]

I am emailing regarding the recent proposal for the asset transfer of the Family Hub at Cornton. I would like to offer my support of this asset transfer being awarded to Plus Forth Valley.

I have been aware of Plus for about 12 years as I have a long history in working in the 3rd sector supporting families who are experiencing disadvantage. As a partner organisation we would often refer families to Plus if they were affected by disability, the families always spoke very highly of the support they received from Plus.

My own son was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder when he was 11 years old and I immediately self-referred to Plus for him to receive support with socialising as he was very isolated. My son attends the Autism Support project on a Tuesday night and he loves attending. He has made some incredible friends and says that it is the one place that he can just be himself and nobody will judge him. From this group the young people attending have set up an online Dungeons and Dragons games that they play every Thursday - this is also a highlight of my son's week, so much so that I am not allowed to organise anything for a Thursday night in. This group has given my son so much confidence and increased his self esteem and as a result he has been able to make a small group of friends at school.

For me as a parent of a child with Autism, Plus gives me a few hours where I know my son will be safe, respected and nurtured. I also know that the staff there completely understand the challenges I face as a parent with a child with a disability and they are always on hand for encouragement and support.

As I have worked in the 3rd sector in Stirling for many years I know the Family Hub at Cornton and I think this would be an amazing place for Plus to be based. Their current building is old and cold and not fit for purpose, so it would be incredible if they had a permanent base that they could make their own. This would really allow the organisation to grow and flourish and support more families in the Forth Valley area affected by disability.

Many thanks!

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