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Good Afternoon

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I write to provide my support to considerations that the current Asset Transfer application in respect of the Cornton Family Hub be persuaded to find in the favour of the organisation Plus Forth valley.

To put my support in context my wife and myself have a 10 year old disabled son who lives with a complex life limiting condition has been supported by Plus Forth Valley for the past 5 years. My wife is a senior staff nurse and myself a police officer in a senior management position. As parents and professionals working in the local area, we cannot praise highly enough the support and services offered by Plus which have enriched the life of my son and also hundreds of other children and young people currently and over the years. This support, of which there are very few affordable services within Central Scotland are geared up to access and provide, is invaluable for us to have an inclusive barrier free family life.

I know the building under consideration, I know the community within which the building is located and I know the Plus organisation and many of its staff and volunteers and it is my absolute opinion that all are a perfect match together and would enrich service users, the local community and Plus staff / volunteers and allow a much needed service to further flourish in the local area.

During the time that this transfer process has been under consideration, Plus, and all the families that they support have faced their worst possible nightmare situation in the form of a threat to continuation of the lease on their current tired and worn, but still made functional premises. This organisation needs every support option available to secure permanency and security in their base location; they have fought and worked hard for all that has been achieved so far, and we as service users, local community, and public servants have a duty to do all within our power to make Plus service delivery secure, thrive and support as many children and young people as possible in the future.

Turning to all the benefits that Plus could bring to the local community. They are currently located within an industrial area of Stirling and there would be so much to gain from the inclusive feeling of being an integral part of a more residential community area and all the associated benefits such as local amenities, community groups, good neighbours, transport etc.

Knowing the real everyday challenges facing the Cornton community I can also see significant benefit to the local community not just in the form of employment and volunteering opportunities with the organisation but in a wider supportive neighbour context. There are several activities that young people attending the plus that could overflow to the benefit of the community, such as gardening, life skills outings, and general interaction with community members of all ages. There is also I would believe the option for the premises to be let for community activities – so mutually beneficial to Plus and the locality.

The services Plus provide are currently so hard to secure anywhere across Forth Valley and as an organisation are very unique. There are many families, some of whom will be resident within Cornton, others within short public transport travelling distances and others in the wider geographical community who without doubt need the services provided by Plus. They are currently excluded from this by virtue of organisation capacity or indeed geographical / transport access issues. Enabling Plus to grow and support more service users by deciding in favour of their Asset Transfer application will open this essential support to more deserving service users.

Kind Regards,

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