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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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As requested I am emailing to explain the benefits of Plus.

As a family we have benefitted from support from Plus for almost 30 years- that fact in itself highlights that we find it beneficial as we could have stopped at any time.

It is reassuring to know that our daughter is safe, well cared for, in a way that is appropriate to her needs. At the same time she is not "wrapped in cotton wool" and has always been able to experience age appropriate activities. whilst mixing with others her own age within the wider community.

Plus have in the past supported her at school to participate in extracurricular activities, trips and residential activities where school did not have the staff to enable this.

This has also meant that one of us did not need to attend, as a parent - after all what young person wants their parents there when none of their peers do!

Regular attendance at plus also provides Respite which is hugely important to us as family when so much of our time is dedicated to meeting our daughters complex needs.

Our daughter enjoys Plus because she and other participants are consulted about future activities and encouraged to suggest ideas - if she's happy everyone in the family is happy.

If Plus were able to secure this building it would remove some of the recent stresses for us and other families not knowing the future plans for Plus. We are aware that their current lease is insecure and do worry how Plus can continue to provide invaluable support without a secure base. having a building on a bus route would make it more accessible to more people, as their current tenancy is in an industrial estate.

This building is in a pleasant location, which is important for people's mental health - statistics tell us that more than 50% of people with disabilities are affected by poor mental health.

If Plus owned this building they could carry out any necessary adaptations to suit the needs of their client group, install a changing places toilet etc. This is a bathroom including hoists etc to meet needs of people with disabilities.

Having many years experience of Plus - not only does it allow children / young people/ adults with disabilities to access and mix with the local community, it builds peer friendships and raises awareness that people with disabilities enjoy the same opportunities and activities as everyone else.

This building is in a position where Plus and their activities will be visible.

Plus is a very welcoming and inclusive organisation, most people think of inclusive welcoming people with disabilities, Plus ensures that their client group are included in the local community, providing necessary support.

Over the years we've seen a number of young people and students volunteer or work for Plus and move on to careers working with people with disabilities, some going to University and Training as Doctors, Psychologists, Social Workers or moving into school support staff roles.

I hope you will take into account the many benefits of Plus to a large client group when considering the applications for Asset Transfer.

I believe that Plus meets all the basic legal requirements for a Community Asset Transfer.

