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From: Cath Stamper [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2021 16:55
To: Cath Stamper
Subject: York Road Project

Dear Councillors,

I am contacting you ahead of the planning committee next week as a passionate supporter of York Road Project and as the former Chief Executive . Even though I am no longer an employee, I spent a long time working with architects to plan the new YRP premises and of course I sincerely hope that you will approve the Goldsworth Road application.

We worked closely with EcoWorld's team to design a purpose-built facility which will allow the charity to continue to support even more vulnerable people in Woking. This will be even more important in the wake of the current pandemic, and this scheme provides a facility that will be Covid-secure and located close to other appropriate support services.

I appreciate that as I no longer work (nor live) in Woking, my views may not now be relevant, but as I have been part of the growth of the charity and enjoyed the excellent partnership working with WBC, I will always have an interest in both the charity and the borough. The current pandemic situation has demonstrated the need for increased beds and provides evidence that YRP is able to deliver larger provision professionally.

I do appreciate this application is contentious in the borough (as are all applications) and no-one wants new developments. However, new housing is needed and this development provides that along with essential provision for YRP.

I am hoping you will support the development so YRP can move from unsuitable accommodation into premises which are second to none which will continue to demonstrate that Woking Borough Council is the leading LA in supporting those experiencing homelessness in the south east.

Many thanks

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