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**To Whom It May Concern,**

I am pleased to offer my support to Eddlewood Football Club, incorporating Eddlewood Boys Club. I recently met with the club coach and volunteers to hear, first-hand, about their plans for community ownership and asset transfer. It is the tenacity of community volunteers, such as Eddlewood F.C. which drives forward community growth and development in so many instances.

Their plans are to take community ownership of the grass pitches by making one into an Astroturf pitch, in addition to undertaking significant improvements to the pavilion and club house. Although this will greatly benefit the club and their young players, these plans will also assist the improvement of facilities for the benefit of the whole community.

Community asset transfers of this nature are a natural and positive step forward in allowing local organisations to take ownership of facilities for the benefit of their community at a time when local councils are stretched for resources. Eddlewood, as an area, already has an exemplar record of a successful asset transfer of a facility; that is "Hamilton Gymnastics Club", which took ownership of the local sports barn, transformed the building and is now the largest gymnastics club in Scotland

I welcome Eddlewood F.C.'s plans and am proud to lend my support to this fantastic community initiative; the community has come together to bring positive action in the immediate locality. I would be delighted to discuss further, if required, please contact my office via the contact details below.

Yours Sincerely,

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