



5th August 2019

Letter of Support: Asset Transfer - 34 West Park Street, Huntly

To whom it may concern,

We (icecream architecture) are writing to express our support of the Asset Transfer of 34 West Park Street, Huntly, by way of lease, to Networks of Wellbeing (NoW).

At the current time we are leading the delivery of 'Huntly: a campus for learning and play', creating a Community-led Place Plan that supports the development of a coordinated campus of facilities for learning and leisure in northern parts of Huntly.

'Huntly: A campus for learning and play' is being delivered by icecream architecture. The Community-Led Place Plan has been instigated by Huntly & District Development Trust on behalf of the community and has been supported by the Scottish Government Making Places programme and Marr Area Partnership.

The property on West Park Street is within the boundary of the study area for the Community-led Place Plan. Through a variety of community consultations undertaken in 'Huntly: a campus for learning and play', no alternative use for this building has been suggested.

While not directly related to the focus of the learning and leisure that the Place Plan has, the relocation of services that NoW provides would support development of Huntly's learning and leisure campus, by encouraging different activities to take place in one key hub area in the vicinity of the town centre, schools and leisure facilities.

The location would also be well placed to readily access woodland and parkland nearby which forms part of the Place Plan. Using such outdoor spaces can allow people to 'Be Active' and 'Take Notice', two of what are known as the 'Five Steps to Wellbeing' advocated by NoW (<http://www.networksofwellbeing.org/about-now.html>).

Yours Sincerely,

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