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Dear Tim

## **Re:Letter of support for new MUGA in replace of current MUGA on Filwood Broadway**

As one of the last remaining safe, open access, free play spaces remaining in Filwood, it is essential another MUGA is built in proximity before the current MUGA is removed.

It is worth noting that this is a very emotive site as there is an overall sense of asset stripping, replacing facilities with solely housing. Filwood Broadway Working Group, Knowle West Alliance and Knowle West Regeneration Residents Planning Group have engaged with the community regularly and demonstrated and evidenced the strong want and need for Filwood Broadway to be a thriving place again, and that retaining the character of the area is essential. Play space is fundamental to this, of which the MUGA highlighted is one of the last remaining across the estate, with two already erased through housing developments.

The current MUGA is used by many organisations, families, community groups and young people across Knowle West and is an essential asset to the current multi-agency co-ordinated detached work helping to combat anti-social behaviour in the area (the MUGA provides a space to build relationships with those young people most hard to reach and those being influenced into negative decision making.) Organisations involved in the detached work and use the MUGA include Youth Moves, Learning Partnership West, Street Space, Grassroots Communities. This work is supported by Children and Young Peoples Service, the Safeguarding Team, Avon and Somerset Police, social workers, the community development team and local schools and residents.

The police are also currently supporting football sessions with Bristol City Robins Foundation at the MUGA to offer free sports and activity.

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As the Community Development Practitioner for Knowle West I see families and young people access the free space regularly – this is particularly important for families who are impacted by poverty and trauma, also for large families where low fee activities are not an option, the MUGA provides an outdoor space for families to connect with others, be together and play, impacting on mental health, and family and community cohesion.

If you would like any more information, please get in touch

Sincerely, Julia Williams

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