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To Whom It May Concern:

R.E – Fernhurst Cricket Club development

I write in full support of the Fernhurst CC development project, which will not only benefit long term cricket provision and quality, but will also support the continued growth and development of recreational sport in the area as a whole

As a club in the past 5 years, Fernhurst have noticeably grown and have been a driving force for increased participation in and around the area. The club has been quick to welcome new members from a wide range of diverse backgrounds as well as members of varying abilities, ages, gender and experience

The club has worked tirelessly to grow their junior section and deserve full credit for the way in which they've supported their young players to progress. So much so, that they are now represented by more than one young player in our representative pathway

To put the clubs impressive development and growth into context, they have seen their junior membership numbers grow from approximately 10 players in 2012, to in the region of 115 at the end of 2017. On top of this, their senior membership has doubled in the same time period

Having worked for Sussex Cricket for 15-years, I can safely say that Fernhurst CC is one of the most exciting and passionate clubs I have the pleasure to know. They are extremely driven and committed to the local community and are intent on growing sport as a whole, within the heart of the community

They have always been as self-sufficient as they can be and seek advice and support from Sussex to continue developing the club and attempt to stay at the forefront of how the game is developing nationally. Ultimately the passionate volunteers at Fernhurst genuinely care and try hard to make a real difference to as many people in the local area as possible and this club development is absolutely crucial in helping them continue that journey

As a multi use facility, this project will help grow more activity in the area, help encourage more people to get involved, promote healthy living and provide a community heart to a growing area

Kind regards

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