

DOCKING PARISH COUNCIL

Hall Farm, Sedgeford Road, Docking, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE31 8LJ

1st November 2021

Dear Docking Rangers Football Club

RE: Docking Pavilion

Thank you very much for your email of 17 September responding to the questions we raised on the football club's business plan for the redevelopment of the pavilion. Thank you also for the further information you have provided in your email of 22 September. Clearly there is work to be done in refining your proposals and then taking the project forward, but on the basis of what you have told us I am pleased to confirm the parish council's support in principle for what you are trying to achieve.

As you know, the parish council does not own or manage the playing field or the pavilion. This is the responsibility of the Docking Playing Field charity and without their approval the project cannot proceed. We hope that your discussions with the charity will lead to an agreement between you on how the project will be carried out and how the pavilion will be operated once it has been redeveloped. For its part, the parish council would like to see the pavilion used by a range of activities in addition to the football club and it is reassuring to see in your business plan and the responses you have given to us that this is also very much your intention.

At this stage you are still engaging with interested contractors to carry out the project. You are also having discussions with a range of potential partners in order to raise the necessary funds. You have told us that you are not seeking financial support from the parish council. Instead, you have requested this letter from us to assist you in accessing funding from elsewhere. You may forward copies of this letter for that purpose but please note that the parish council should not be named as an applicant, surety or in any other capacity on any funding application that you or the Docking Playing Field charity may make in connection with the project.

Finally, although it is a matter for you and your chosen contractor, we strongly recommend that you take professional tax advice on the availability of zero-rating of the project for VAT purposes. We are aware that HMRC draw a distinction between village halls (where zero-rating can be available) and sports pavilions (where it usually is not). If VAT is applicable, it could make a significant difference to your overall project costs.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Wroth

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

cc Docking Playing Field charity