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Good Morning [REDACTED].

Please see below our comment response to the representation.

We are writing to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in the recent public council representation concerning the asset transfer of the former waste depot. The support we received – an impressive 117 votes – reaffirms the value of this project for our community, and we are incredibly encouraged by your trust and engagement. While we also received five objections, we want to assure you that we have given thoughtful consideration to all feedback and remain committed to addressing every concern in a constructive and collaborative manner.

We are pleased to share that we have reviewed all comments carefully and will be working closely with each user group that has expressed interest in using space within the building. We have also taken additional steps to connect with all members of our community by hosting a public meeting, where we were able to outline our vision, answer questions, and ensure that our plans are both transparent and responsive to the needs and concerns of nearby residents. It is our genuine hope that, through ongoing dialogue and collaboration, we can build a project that is truly reflective of our community's aspirations.

The recent council survey results speak strongly in favor of this endeavor, demonstrating widespread support for the proposal and its many worthwhile aspects. Should a community group successfully secure the building, access rights will be firmly protected, a safeguard that may not be guaranteed if the property were to be sold on the open market.

Additionally, we are committed to making significant improvements to the area surrounding the property, including tidying the grounds and supporting the adjacent church with maintenance of their grounds. Recognizing the importance of maintaining a respectful environment, we will adhere to any necessary noise restrictions, with noise levels expected to be minimal – a commitment that might not be feasible if the building were used commercially. To ensure community safety, the site will be monitored by CCTV, covering the car park and the rear of the building, providing added security for the church as well.

The location of this building, at the heart of the village with accessible parking and easy entry, makes it an ideal hub for our project, designed to support community growth and involvement. Legal rights of way will be clearly defined in the lease and will be consistently upheld, ensuring ongoing, unobstructed access.

In summary, this is the right project in the right location, with the right purpose: to benefit our entire community. We thank you sincerely for your support, your feedback, and your trust as we move forward.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
Chair Person  
Laurecekirk Memorial Park Group