



Nigel Granger
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21 May 2024

Dear Nigel,

Re: Expression of Interest in a One Battersea Bridge Community Hub Space

This letter is to confirm Katherine Low Settlement (KLS) and St Mary's Church Battersea's strong interest in jointly operating a Community Hub Space, as part of the One Battersea Bridge development.

Both organisations have deep and historic roots in the area. As community anchors, we have each long supported the people in our community who need us the most. KLS is needed more than ever to reduce loneliness and isolation for older people and to support children and families from refugee backgrounds. Together we already support hundreds of local residents every week and want to reach even more. We both adapt to changing needs in our neighbourhoods and have a shared ambition to create a community kitchen as a long term space for local people to come together to share food, to prepare food, to learn and to support each other. This, along with the requirement for more space to deliver services (the KLS building is at capacity and it already has to deliver some services from an external venue) creates a powerful business case for St Mary's and KLS to run a proposed community hub space in the One Battersea Bridge development. The location too is significant as it would provide a physical presence for easy access by residents in nearby estates.

We would be very happy to discuss this with you further.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Gibb, Chief Executive, KLS

**The Venerable Stephen Taylor,
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Dear Dominic,

I'm writing in response to Rockwell's residential led mixed-use redevelopment proposals for One Battersea Bridge.

Based on the community hub space you have designed, we are supportive of the plans and believe this would be an incredibly valuable space for us to occupy.

The space is ideally located to support our work within the London Borough of Wandsworth and beyond, as well as a great location to engage with local volunteers.

As you know, Little Village supports families with babies and children under five living in poverty across London. We were founded in Tooting in 2016, and now run a pan-London baby bank network, collecting, sorting and passing on pre-loved clothes and equipment. Families can be referred to Little Village via midwives, health visitors and social workers. Parents are also supported by signposting and guidance teams.

Since inception we've supported over 25,000 babies and children under 5 with essential items with over 8,500 children supported in 2023 alone, powered by over 1,000 volunteers.

Spaces are critical to Little Village's operations, as places to receive and sort donations of pre-loved items, and to invite families to choose items that they need.

We currently operate from a retail space on Tooting High Street, and also additional spaces in Wembley and Camden. The Tooting space is a commercial let, but our other two spaces are part of a Section 106 agreement, enabling us to occupy rent free for 10 and 5 years respectively. This has meant we've been able to significantly expand our services and support to families struggling to survive on low incomes.

We welcome the opportunity to continue to work in partnership with Rockwell to design the space.

Should it be appropriate, we would be happy to discuss this further with the Council and to host them at our Tooting hub so they can learn more about our work.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive



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I write with regards to Rockwell's proposed residential led mixed-use redevelopment proposals for One Battersea Bridge.

Having reviewed the proposed community hub space, we are supportive of the plans and would welcome the opportunity to occupy and use the hub.

Keeping Families Together run the following various initiatives Monday to Sunday that is run by a team of volunteers:

Monday Parent Forum

Parent forum is run once a month in partnership with a local organisation Women of Wandsworth. The Parent Forum take place at East Hill Baptist Church in the True Brew Café.

The parent forum is where parents and carers get together and talk about issues and professionals and the Council are invited to the forum to provide practical support including advice.

This is a safe place where parents and carers can talk about their issues openly without being judged.

Change Makers

Change Makers is a support group for victims of domestic abuse.

We support victims that are going through or been affected by domestic abuse. We provide advice and support around housing, police and a safe place. We are looking at providing a safe place for victims of domestic abuse to flee too for 48 hours while we support the victim and children in supporting out a safe place to go immediately as well as working alongside the police and the Council.

Friday afternoon East Eat Hub

East Eat Hub is a safe place where member of the community and families that are struggling to live day by day with the cost of living crisis can come and receive a free food parcel and a hot meal. We have about 50-100 members of the community that use this service.

We have also noted an increase of families that live in the Battersea area using our service on a weekly bases. We are also seeing an increase of families that are on low income and unable to afford baby milk or nappies which we provide for free. Felix and City Harvest provides with free food supplies.

We have partnered with Crew Energy and Clothing Collective. Crew Energy support our service users with advice on energy support and how to save energy.

Clothing Collective provide the Charity with £400 gift vouchers for clothing. The vouchers to be used at charity shops.

Monday to Friday support Adults and young people with Mental Health

The Charity supports adults and young people through mental health by providing one to one support and group activities. We aim to work closely with adult and children services and mental health teams. We are making connections with the Care Home for Elderly run by Avery on East Hill London to see how we can do integrate the care home members into the community.

The Lounge Girls Youth Group

The Lounge Girls Youth Group launch will take place on Thursday 9th May 2024 at Earlsfield Baptist Church from 3.15pm-6pm. The Charity has been given the space at Earlsfield Baptist Church for free.

The Lounge Girls Youth Group has been set up by the volunteer director of Keeping Families Together after having an increase of school exclusions and there has been an increase of girls being excluded from school and getting caught up in criminal activities and being arrested. We are working looking to have a meeting with Wandsworth Children Services, The Serious Violence Office and the Community Safety Officer to see how they are able to support in the work we do. We are working closely with Maisha the chair of Violence against Women and Girls Forum. We will be supported by volunteers and Earlsfield Baptist Church Pastor and Youth for Christ that will also be supporting us with workshops especially around education.

This will be a safe place for girls to receive one to one support, attending workshops on self-care and community inclusion by giving back to the community, setting up projects and creating and producing magazines for their peers groups and looking at how to manage conflicts in education and spotting signs of grooming and exploitation.

Free Support and Advice line for Parents and Carers and Young People

Keeping Families Together launched a free support and advice line for parents and carers last December 2023. We provide support and advice for parents and carers that are going through family courts, school exclusion with their children, victim of domestic abuse, housing and if they have social services involvement. The advice line runs from Friday 5pm to Sunday 9am every weekend.

We have extended the advice and support line to young people as we have noted that when we are providing supporting to parents and carers around school exclusions we also at the same time speak to their child.

The advice line gets about 10-20 parents and carers calling to receive support or someone to listen to them.

We have two dedicated volunteers that are fully trained and we are looking at recruiting other volunteers to join the team.

School Exclusion Support

In the last two years Keeping Families Together have noticed an increase in school exclusion and we have previously worked with an Academy locally where we supported three young people that were on the verge of being excluded from school. We provided one to one support on a voluntary basis and group support.

We were working with vulnerable young people that were involved in getting caught up in the wrong crowd. We successfully managed to keep three of the young people in school.

We support parents and carers and young people with support and advice on how to approach panel meetings and suggest to parents and carers the support that they can request from schools to support their child.

Housing Advocacy Support

We aim to work closely with Wandsworth Council regards to repair works and families and individuals that require emergency accommodation. We work closely with the family and the Council and we have had quite a few success cases by providing advocacy support.

Keeping Families Together are based at East Hill Baptist Church and have one small office space which is shared with the church premises manager and our volunteers.

We sometimes have to meet in the café area downstairs were our shared office based to meet with service users which can be noisy and distracting.

The Charity has been grateful for the free space since 2014 to present and the church has supported massively and encouraging the charity with the work we do.

Due to the increase use of the space by other hall hirers Monday to Thursday it not always possible to also have a confidential space to speak with our service users that require support. We usually ask all our service users to come in on Friday to access the support they require confidentially.

The Charity requires space for our team of volunteers were they can meet service users and families and the space that we have at East Hill Baptist Church we are out growing.

Battersea would be good location for the Charity has we support families and young people from Battersea area.

The Charity is looking at creating a safe place for victims of domestic abuse and for young people to receive one to one support and an office space for our volunteers to carry out their confidential meetings with their service users.

The location has a bus stop either side which will be easier for individuals, young people and families to get to receive the support they require and easy to get to.

It is a prime location and there are Estates near the location that families and young people live in looking for support from our charity.

We are very excited by the proposals and commend the Council to support the scheme.